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THE MASTER SPEAKS

*ART tired, My child? I have been weary, too,
Often amid the vales of Galilee
And hill-girt Nazareth, where foxes knew
Their safe and desert shelters, and for Me
Was not a resting-place! Yea, I have dwelt
Long nights with weariness more bitter deep
Than aught that thou, worn one, hast ever felt.
Then 'plain not that thy way is hard and steep,
But take thy cross, remembering evermore
Thy feet but tread where Mine have trod before.*

*Art lonely, child? Hast thou forgotten, then,
That I of loneliness have drained the cup
In desert bidings and in paths of men --
A draught with all earth's bitterness brimmed up?
Cheer, lonely one, for in such grievous hour
The struggling soul to loftier stature grows;
Strength comes of loneliness, and wondrous power
Springs where the flame of self-communion glows;
Knowest thou not that thou shalt ever be
In solitude the nearer unto Me?*

*Art sad, My child? Was it thy fond belief
The sun of joy for thee would never set?
Remember, I have trod the way of grief
And consecrated sorrow. Patience yet;
Patience, if need be, through heart-breaking years
The burden of thine anguish to sustain,
And thou shalt win the blessing of thy tears,
And the high gladness born of vanquished pain;
It is thy comfort that thy woe shall be
Some kin to that I bore on Calvary.*

*Misunderstood? Reviled? Betrayed? 'Tis well!
I would not have it with thee otherwise.
Darkness loves not the light, and they who dwell
In darkness needs must walk with blinded eyes;
The liker thou to Me, the fiercer foe
The world will prove; but shrink thou not from this;
It is thy glory that thou sharest so
With Me the scoffing and the Judas kiss;
Didst think, O mourner, they who mocked at Me
Would show more ruth and pity unto thee?*

Written for Zion's Herald by

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The Field Secretary's Corner

SUNDAY, Jan. 14, I spent with our churches at South Hadley Falls and Ware, preaching at the former place in the morning, and the latter in the evening.

South Hadley Falls is just across the river from Holyoke, a ten minute ride across the splendid iron bridge spanning the river, and in full view of the great dam which furnishes water power for so much of the manufacturing of the two cities.

Rev. E. F. Smiley is pastor here, and he willingly gave me the opportunity to preach to his people, after which I hurried away to Ware.

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From South Hadley Falls to Ware is a ride by electric of three hours, passing through Springfield, Indian Orchard, Ludlow, and Palmer, busy manufacturing communities with thousands of operatives, largely foreigners, who are mainly Roman Catholics. Ware is a busy town with good churches, several fine public buildings, wide streets and comfortable homes.

Some very interesting history clusters around our church at Ware. In 1742, under the burning words of George Whitefield, some women of the Old South Church, Boston, were moved to establish a woman's prayer-meeting, which was continued for thirty years. Early in the Revolution the British took possession of Boston, the prayer meeting was broken up, and the women scattered, two settling in what was called the West Parish of Brookfield. Here they formed the acquaintance of Mrs. Abigail Kert. Through the faith and prayers of these three devoted women, the community known as Ragged Hill was prepared for the incoming of Methodism.

Rev. Reuben Hubbard is supposed to have been the first Methodist itinerant to visit this locality. In 1798, he called at the house of Mrs. Mary Crowell to bait his horse. During his stay a thunder storm arose, delaying his progress, and he conversed with Mrs. Crowell upon religion. He asked her if she had ever heard of the Methodists, to which question he received a negative reply. Mrs. Crowell then asked if he was one, and, finding that he was, wished to be enlightened regarding their doctrine. The information was gladly given, and an invitation solicited to preach in her home, which was refused. Very soon after, Rev. Elijah Bachelor preached in the home of Mr. Daniel Leonard, just over the line in Ware. The women previously mentioned, and a few other neighbors, attended this service. The preacher chose as a text 2 Cor. 5: 20, and his words produced a profound impression. Mrs. Kent is reported as having said: "It was excellent, just right, nothing could have been better." At the very next meeting her son, then in his nineteenth year, was converted. This young man was Asa Kent, the circuit rider. About the same time Joshua, son of the Mrs. Crowell previously mentioned, was converted, became a Methodist preacher, and the father of Dr. Loranus Crowell and of Mr. J. P. Crowell, long a valuable member of the church in Ware.

Methodism attracted much attention and encountered much opposition. On Jan. 7, 1800, the first class, consisting of seven young people, was formed. It is interesting to note that, inside of ten years, from this little society were sent out four strong, useful young men to preach the Gospel. Their names were Joshua Crowell, Asa Kent, Isaac Bonney and David Crowell. For more than twenty years, meetings were held in the barn of Mr. Seth Eddy, who, with his family, was of great service

to the church in Ware for many years.

From 1799 to 1823 this society was included in Pomfret circuit. The quarterly meetings, which in summer time were usually held in Mr. Eldy's barn, were occasions of great interest and power, people coming from distances of thirty and forty miles, and staying several days. In the latter part of November, 1823, the meeting-house on Ragged Hill was dedicated, free from debt, by Rev. Joseph A. Merrill, presiding elder of New London District. The building was a plain structure 40x32, costing \$800, besides a large amount of work which was given. Here preached many famous men, among whom were Bishop Hedding, George Pickering, Orange Scott and Wilbur Fiske.

Rev. Joshua Crowell purchased a home in Ware Centre in 1809 or '10, and began holding Methodist meetings. The first class was formed in 1826. Ware was made a station in 1837-'38, and Rev. Thomas Marcy was appointed pastor. He was followed by Rev. Charles Barnes, 1838-'39. Preparations for building a church began about this time. Money was subscribed and land given, when the mill owners failed and most of the Methodists left town. Those who were left, however, were not discouraged, but were firm in their purpose to have a house of worship of their own. In 1843 a lot was purchased, and a plain edifice 40x50 feet was erected at a cost of about \$1,300, the financial responsibility being assumed by Mr. Joseph Eaton. This building was completed and dedicated during the pastorate of Rev. David Sherman, 1843-'45. Soon after this the church property was transferred from individual ownership to a board of trustees, one of the proprietors' shares being bought in, and the others leased for three years.

Rev. C. L. Eastman was pastor of this people 1847-'48, and during this time a revival occurred which resulted in about 60 conversions. Sixteen joined on probation. The church building was repaired, and vestries put underneath at an expense of \$1,500. Many faithful, earnest pastors have served this church, including Rev. Henry Matthews, 1883-'86. Prosperity both temporal and spiritual attended this pastorate. A debt of \$300 for additional land was paid, and improvements made upon the vestries. It remained for Rev. C. M. Hall, who came in 1889 and remained four years, to see the erection of a new parsonage valued at \$4,000, with a debt of \$2,650, and over \$5,000 was subscribed toward a new church edifice.

During the pastorate of Rev. A. M. Osgood, 1893-'96, about \$1,000 in pledges for the new church edifice were secured, but it was during the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Fulton that the present church building, costing about \$14,000, was dedicated. It is a beautiful structure, in the English Norman style of architecture. At the tower entrance may be seen the ancient stone step which was formerly at the entrance of the old church at Ragged Hill. The church is modern in every particular. The first floor is occupied by an auditorium with a seating capacity of 250, a lecture room, pastor's room, etc., while above is the Epworth League room, and in the basement the dining-room, kitchen, etc. The interior of the auditorium is beautifully finished in hard pine. Handsome memorial windows, and a full equipment of electric lights, make the room beautiful by night and day.

Rev. John Wriston is now serving his second year as pastor of this church, and has a strong hold upon the affections of his people, who are unanimous in their desire

for his return another year. Our canvass the following day resulted in a good increase in the list.

F. H. MORGAN.

36 Bromfield St., Boston.

City Evangelization Convention

A successful City Evangelization Convention was held in Morgan Memorial, Boston, Jan. 22, 1906, under the joint auspices of the Conference Board of City Evangelization, and the Boston City Missionary and Church Extension Society. In the afternoon the regular monthly business meeting of the board of managers of the Boston Missionary Society was held, Mr. E. O. Fisk in the chair. Reports of the treasurer, Mr. C. H. J. Kimball, and the superintendent, Rev. J. H. Mansfield, D. D., showed the society to be in a flourishing condition.

At 6:15 o'clock a bounteous collation, provided by the good people of Morgan Memorial, was enjoyed by the managers and invited guests. Grace was said by Rev. John Galbraith, Ph. D. After supper Rev. J. H. Mansfield, D. D., called the company to order, and announced that a number of five minute speeches would be delivered. Mr. Robert A. Woods, of the South End House, was the first speaker, his theme being, "The Relation of Play Grounds, Parks, and Free Bath-Houses, to City Evangelization." Rev. A. P. Sharp, Ph. D., spoke on "The Relation of the Gospel to City Evangelization." Rev. R. T. Flewelling briefly discussed the relation of the suburban church to this great theme, and Rev. E. J. Helms spoke on "The Relation of Poor Relief to City Evangelization." A letter from President Huntington, who was unexpectedly called from the city, was read, on the theme of "Education and City Evangelization." Letters of regret were read from Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, and Christopher R. Elliot.

A mass meeting in the interests of City Evangelization was held in the Morgan Memorial auditorium at 7:30 P. M. A large congregation, composed of ministers and laymen from Greater Boston, was present. After an organ voluntary and a selection from the choir, the president of the meeting, Rev. E. T. Curnick, D. D., made a few remarks of welcome, and touched upon the great subject of foreign immigration. Rev. C. F. Rice, D. D., conducted the devotional exercises. Rev. Thomas Van Ness, D. D., president of the joint board of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, spoke with much clearness and power, to the delight of the audience. He based his remarks on the text: "He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" In the course of his remarks he showed what the recent centuries have stood for in America, and declared that Morgan Memorial was the best exponent of any building in Boston of the twentieth century spirit. It knows no race distinction, is not hampered by any creed, but in the most beautiful spirit of co-operation is trying to do good to all.

After a collection and a hymn, Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell was introduced. The Bishop was in his best vein, and mixed humor with more serious thoughts to the pleasure and edification of his hearers. He commenced by showing how proud men were of being American citizens. In forcible language he showed how necessary it is to minister to the physical needs of men, and to reveal to them that the body is sacred, even the temple of the Holy Spirit. He believed that the public schools have a great influence in developing the minds of the children and making them loyal citizens. In the highest terms he commended the work which is being done by Morgan Memorial. The Bishop was heartily applauded at the conclusion of his address. The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Dr. J. H. Mansfield.

Rev. E. J. Helms, pastor of Morgan Memorial, invited the people to look over the great plant. Many availed themselves of the opportunity, and were pleased and astonished to see how extensive and thorough are the different departments of work. They were especially drawn to the rug room. Here were fine rugs, of many sizes and colors, made from old carpets which had been sent in. The rugs are entirely cleansed from all possible dirt and germs, and would be a comfort and ornament to any home. They are very durably made and reasonable in price. This writer recommends the public to examine and buy these rugs.

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Electric Mining in California

GREAT progress is being made by California in harnessing its mountain streams and utilizing that power for industrial and commercial purposes. By the utilization of electricity for the operation of mining machinery, new mines are being opened up that were considered inaccessible, and abandoned mines, that could not before be operated profitably with steam power, have been reclaimed. Under the old steam method the cost of getting coal to the mines was so great that nothing but the richest returns to minerals could make the process pay. With her fine system of hydraulic generation of electricity in the Sierra Mountains, California now leads all other States in the cheap distribution of electric power. Gold mines all along the route of her long-distance transmission lines have been converted into active scenes of mining. Lateral lanes of transmission run in all directions. So great has grown the demand for electricity for mining purposes in California that the supply of power for the Pacific Coast end of the transmission line is seriously menaced. The water power of California is its most precious heritage, and its distribution has now developed into a system that makes farmers as well as miners dependent upon it. The location of a mine has now become one of the most important considerations in opening and working it.

Liberals versus Laborites

THE recent Parliamentary elections in England have brought into prominence a new designation, the hardly euphonious title of "Laborite." The representation of the wage-earners in the British Parliament is not a new thing, since as far back as 1874 a miner from the pits of Northumberland was elected a member from Morpeth, and has held his seat ever since. Thomas Burt, the miner referred to, and J. Keir Hardie and John Burns, have proved themselves ardent apostles of labor and have ably represented its cause in the seats of the mighty. But it is only of late that the Labor group has become known as a distinct and separate political entity. The Liberal lead-

ers, from the time of Mr. Gladstone, have recognized that the Labor Leaders have special interests to serve, and they have tried to accommodate Government procedure so far as possible to those interests. But the "Laborites," as they are now called, who muster as a respectable little group in the Commons, find their ambitions growing with their opportunities, and are disposed stiffly to maintain their distinct party character, instead of being absorbed in the general combination of Liberals behind Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. Somewhat like the Democrats in the United States, the English Liberals comprise both conservative and radical members, and in consequence suffer a good deal of inconvenience in the practical conduct of many measures. The Laborites, like the Nationalists, will have to be reckoned with, and their aloofness of organization will somewhat complicate the task of "C. B.," who may feel compelled at last to adopt some coercive Cannon-like policy for curbing the "insurgents."

General Joseph Wheeler Dead

GENERAL JOSEPH WHEELER, the ex-Confederate cavalry leader and a brigadier of the United States Army since the war with Spain, died last Thursday in Brooklyn, New York. He was born in Augusta, Georgia, in 1836, his ancestors both in this country and in England being of high respectability. After pursuing studies in different schools in New England and New York, he was appointed in 1854 a cadet to the Military Academy at West Point. At the outbreak of the Civil War he resigned his commission in the Army. As a Confederate leader he was conspicuous for bravery and dash, and it is said that in all sixteen horses were shot from under him. After the war he entered Congress. He was an important factor in the campaign against Santiago, the strategy of General Shafter receiving cordial support from "Fighting Joe." After the Cuban campaign General Wheeler was sent to the Philippines, where he was characteristically active and useful. In June, 1900, he was commissioned as a brigadier-general in the Regular Army, and retired in the following September. He was a member of many patriotic societies, an industrious worker in Congress, a man of kind heart, and generally beloved by all who knew him.

Power Lifeboats

EXPERIMENTS are being made with power lifeboats, which are not likely wholly to supplant the light surfboats now in use, but which may be found very useful as auxiliaries of the Life Saving Service at points where in-

lets make in from the coast, thus affording, so to speak, a base of operations, and a point of departure into the mad whirl of the outer sea. An able power boat thirty-two feet long, fitted with twin screws, and deriving its power from a fifteen-horse-power gasoline engine, is now in use at Fire Island Life Saving Station. Where there is only a long stretch of sandy beach, and no harbor whatever, the weight of such a boat might prohibit its use. Dependence in such circumstances may still have to be placed on the light and handy surfboats that can be launched among rollers so heavy that a landsman can hardly believe that a boat can live for a moment in them. But at other stations, where a power boat could be kept inside a breakwater natural or artificial, the crew would be able to reach a wreck on the outlying rocks or islands more quickly than they can with the boats now at their command, and would be saved the exhausting pull out and back which increases for them the difficulty and peril of their labors of rescue. Such a boat, however, should be in all cases equipped with oars and a sail, as the engines of power boats are proverbially tricky, and liable to balk and refuse to work at the most critical moments.

Distribution of Regular Army

IT appears from the latest report of Secretary of War Taft that there are four times as many soldiers of the Regular Army in this country as there are in the Philippines, the officers and men in the United States numbering 45,502, and those in the Philippines, 11,903. One hundred and forty-four officers and men have been stationed at Hawaii, and 1,045 in Alaska, while 1,210 are classified as "miscellaneous and en route." The total strength of what may be called the Regular Army proper appears as 3,750 officers and 59,814 men. Various special services and organizations are reckoned with, rather than of, the regular establishment, such as the Hospital Corps, with its 3,029 enlisted men, the Porto Rico regiments, with 25 officers and 552 enlisted men, and the Philippine scouts, numbering 115 officers and 5,059 men. The maximum enlisted strength of the Regular Army as fixed by the latest executive order is 60,475. Adding to the 59,814 actually in service the special organizations mentioned, gives a total of about 72,000 wearers of the uniform of all branches of the Service. The Philippine constabulary, which many confound with the scouts, is a force by itself, under the control of the Philippine Government. The United States is now carrying on the Government of the Philippines — a large and intricate aggregation of territory — with less than 12,000 American soldiers.

Coal Production

IN the last calendar year more coal was mined in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania than in any other twelve months in the history of the business. The output of the mines is estimated at close to 70,000,000 tons, of which more than 61,000,000 tons can be classed as the marketable product, which is larger than the gross output in any year previous to 1903. The 40,000,000 mark was first touched for total output in 1888, the 50,000,000 mark in 1895, and the 60,000,000 mark in 1901. For a long time the United Kingdom was the greatest source of coal supply, but although it has been steadily increasing its product, America passed it at the opening of the new century, and has now forged far ahead. Nowhere in the world is so much anthracite mined as is taken from the coal fields of Pennsylvania. The production of the anthracite mines in other States of the Union is but a drop in the bucket compared with Pennsylvania. The bituminous coal industry in the United States is much more diversified, there being no less than 23 States and Territories in which more than one million tons of bituminous coal were mined last year. The United States and the United Kingdom supply about two-thirds of the total coal product of the world.

King of Denmark Dead

KING CHRISTIAN IX. of Denmark passed quietly away last Monday, surrounded by members of the royal family. He was born in 1818, and acceded to the throne of Denmark in 1863. In 1842 he married Louise, daughter of William, Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel. By the Treaty of London, of May 8, 1852, he was appointed successor to the throne of Denmark. The beginning of his reign was marked by a famous dispute concerning the duchies of Holstein and Schleswig, which, by the Treaty of Peace of Vienna in 1864, he was obliged to surrender. King Christian was the father of Queen Alexandra of England, of the Empress Dowager of Russia, and of the King of Greece, and the grandfather of Prince Charles, now King of Norway. He was a Christian king in fact as well as in name. He was known as the "father of Europe," and was universally beloved. The new King, Frederick, is extremely popular with his subjects.

Statehood Bill Passed by the House

THE feature of the work of the past week in Congress was the passing, by the House of Representatives, of the joint Statehood bill. By a vote of 192 to 165 the House, under the vigorous leadership of Speaker Cannon, was led to adopt a rule to close debate and to vote on the bill without amendment on Friday. On that day the bill was passed by a vote of 194 ayes to 150 noes. It provides for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as the State of Oklahoma, and New Mexico and Arizona as the State of Arizona. The Senate Committee on States and Territories has agreed to report the bill favorably, with some minor amendments relating to the machinery of government. No consideration has been

given by the committee to the opposition of Arizona, that controversy being left for settlement on the Senate floor. A provision in the Panama bill waiving the eight-hour clause for foreign labor was passed by the House by a vote of 153 to 98, the Democrats making up the minority vote. The Moroccan and Dominican policies have been discussed in the Senate, Senator Hepburn advocating the annexation of San Domingo.

Progress of the Dry-dock "Dewey"

THE huge dry-dock, "Dewey," towed by three colliers, is proceeding in a steady and stately fashion on its long voyage to the Philippines. The Navy Department has received almost daily reports from the commander of the queerly assorted squadron, assuring it of the success of the venturesome experiment so far, with the exception of a few minor mishaps, such as the snapping of the wire cable and manila cables of the "Brutus." Rear Admiral Brownson's four cruisers have been posted in a straight line between the "Dewey" and convenient shore stations, and thus some interesting experiments are being made as to the long-distance powers of the method of communication by means of the Hertz waves. Attempts to speed the dock above five knots an hour have been followed by break-downs in the towing machinery. When the dock, even if it be in sections, is taken through the Suez Canal there will be danger lest it damage the sides of the Canal and involve the United States Government in difficulty.

Popularity of Roosevelt Unimpaired

TO judge from the amount of criticism in which papers actuated by an anti-Administration animus are indulging, President Roosevelt's star of popularity is setting. These papers are taking a curious pleasure in "sticking pins" into the President. But the practice of pin-pricking, though annoying, is not usually fatal, and Theodore Roosevelt's fame has not been destroyed by the process. Many millions of thoughtful people throughout the land who are sincerely desirous of seeing the public welfare promoted have just as much confidence in the President as they had six months ago. It was to be expected that large and powerful lobbies and combinations of selfish interests would oppose the policies of an enlightened and courageous President. The amount of real opposition to the President's recommendations has been persistently exaggerated. Almost everybody was represented as being in an "insurgent" attitude. The sugar and tobacco interests were going to defeat the Philippine tariff bill. The obstructionists were to "expose" Panama conditions. The mining interests and the railroads were to defeat the Statehood bill, while the railway bill was doomed through the influence of the transportation lobby. The San Domingo treaty, the forest reserves bill, and the consular reform bill were to be defeated or rendered "harmless." But the opposition of the "insurgents" has reacted on their own heads. The country knows that Theodore Roosevelt is doing his best, and that his best is

very good indeed. Never since he has been in public life has the President shown greater serenity, steadier poise, or a higher fitness for his responsible tasks than in the present session of Congress.

British Electoral Results

UP to the present date some 5,231,000 votes have been polled for members of Parliament in Great Britain—the greatest vote ever cast in the United Kingdom, the corresponding figure for the election of 1900 being 3,089,389. The final result of the election has now been determined with substantial accuracy, namely, that the Liberals will have a working majority over all other parties combined. The House of Commons contains 670 members, and the Liberals have now secured 371 seats, which gives them a majority of over eighty above all the other parties combined, and a majority greater than that which the Conservatives had in the late House at the time of their retirement from office. Of the two minor parties the Nationalists remain at their old strength of about eighty-two members. They are unequivocally committed to the demand for Home Rule. The other party, bearing the ill-devised name of Laborite, has developed unexpected strength and will command about fifty votes. Coalition with either party would, from the strictly Liberal standpoint, seem to be undesirable, and since the Liberals are to bear the responsibility of government they may well take satisfaction in the thought that their Parliamentary majority will be sufficiently large to emancipate them from tutelage by either the Nationalists or Laborites.

Trade with Holland and Belgium

HOLLAND and Belgium, although among the smallest of European countries, rank next to the United Kingdom, Germany and France in their importance as markets for products of the United States. The total exports from this country to the Netherlands amounted in the fiscal year 1905 to \$73,000,000, and our imports from the Netherlands to practically \$22,000,000. In the same year the exports from America to Belgium were \$38,500,000, and the total imports therefrom approximately \$26,000,000, making a total of about \$160,000,000 of trade with those two small countries, whose combined area is less than that of the State of Ohio, and whose combined population is but 12,000,000. The exports from the United States to Holland and Belgium in 1885 amounted to \$43,000,000, and in 1895 to \$56,000,000. The Netherlands and Belgium do not consume those large imports entirely themselves, but are great gateways through which large quantities of merchandise pass to countries lying farther east, including Russia, Germany, Austria-Hungary and parts of France. The principal items exported to Holland are copper, oleo oil, mineral oil, lard, corn, wheat flour, oil cake, leather, tobacco, lumber, timber, fruits and nuts, while the exports to Belgium are more largely of the general class required by manufacturers. The imports of America from the Netherlands consist very largely of luxuries, diamonds constituting the

largest item. Crude india rubber, from the Congo country, figures as the largest item, next to diamonds, in the exports of Belgium.

France versus Venezuela

THE relations between France and Venezuela continue to be strained. France considers herself insulted by the expulsion of her representative, M. Taigny, and the diplomatic representatives of the other Powers in a body have informed President Castro that they have in a sense made the grievance of M. Taigny, as a duly accredited diplomat, their own. The United States has given France a free hand to punish President Castro, relying on the French assurances that no permanent seizure of Venezuelan territory is contemplated. The steps to be taken toward Venezuela will not be made known until France decides that the moment is opportune. The French squadron is ready for action when the time comes, and stores are being quietly forwarded to a convenient base in the Caribbean. President Castro, like the boy waiting in the woodshed, would probably be glad to know what France is going to do, and to have it over as soon as possible.

Report of Railroad Commissioners

THE annual report of the Railroad Commissioners of Massachusetts, just made to the Legislature, is a fair and comprehensive statement of the railway conditions existing in the commonwealth. The total length of main and branch lines now in the State is 2,105 miles. In and out of the State the Massachusetts companies own 7,654 miles of track. The Boston & Albany, the Boston & Maine and the New York, New Haven & Hartford Companies have operated 96 per cent. of the mileage of the State, and have transacted 98 per cent. of the passenger and freight business. The past year has proved a prosperous one for the railroads of the State, which comprise forty-four corporations. The largest earnings during the year came from freight receipts. There was an advance in the average number of passengers carried per train mile, and an increase in the average journey for each passenger. Two hundred and sixty-four persons were killed by the steam roads during the year. Out of almost 100,000,000 passengers making journeys very few were killed, the mortality being greatest among employees and trespassers. The commissioners recommend that red be considered a stop, not a merely warning signal, and that the block system be generally adopted and extended.

Housing German Labor

THE Germans have for some time past been earnestly grappling with labor questions. During the past few years the building and loan associations in Germany have done good work in providing the laboring classes with neat and comfortable homes. More than one hundred associations throughout the German empire are directly engaged in this commendable enterprise, and all of them are similar in organization, purpose and scope. Their aim is to build or purchase dwell-

ings, and to manage and let them at the lowest possible price for the benefit of their members. The dwellings are well built, each being provided with a garden, and are rented to members of the Association on conditions all of which favor the renter, who is left at liberty to purchase any of the houses of the particular association with which he is connected. In the past thirty years rents have doubled in the German cities, but as a result of the good work of the associations a large percentage of the laboring people of Germany, who had previously been unable to rent satisfactory quarters, and many minor officials as well, whose salaries are small, have been enabled to secure satisfactory and sanitary quarters. The associations also act as savings banks.

FACTS WORTH NOTING

— It is understood that the Liberals will allow Mr. Balfour to be elected unopposed for the city of London. It is to be expected, of course, that from some safe borough or other he will, eventually, find his way into the new Parliament. The Liberals are experiencing no great difficulty in finding Parliamentary seats for their Ministers, and are feeling generally happy and confident all around the circle. They have a good captain and crew for the Parliamentary ship, but rough and treacherous seas are before them.

— Bishop E. B. Kephart of the United Brethren Church, of Annville, Pa., died suddenly on Jan. 24, in Indianapolis. He leaves a widow and two daughters, one of whom is the wife of Dr. H. U. Roop, formerly president of Lebanon Valley College, at Annville, and the other the wife of Prof. L. F. John, of the same institution.

— Col. Platt B. Walker, of Minneapolis, Minn., who died on Jan. 26, is said to have been the only undischarged prisoner of the Civil War. He served in a Missouri regiment, and became its colonel. Near the close of the war he was taken prisoner and sent to Fort Snelling, Minn. There he was paroled, and was on parole when the war ended. The confusion at that time resulted in his case being overlooked, and he never received his formal discharge.

— Dr. E. W. Scripture, who has been making researches in phonetics under a Smithsonian Institution grant, has secured a gramophone record of the voice of Emperor William of Germany. It will be preserved by the National Museum at Washington, and will not be used in any public way during the Kaiser's lifetime.

— The Cuban Senate last Friday passed unanimously an appropriation of \$25,000 for the purchase of a wedding gift for Miss Alice Roosevelt. The opinion was expressed in the Senate that Cuba owed some evidence of appreciation to her unfailing friend Theodore Roosevelt, and that the wedding of his daughter afforded an opportunity to demonstrate Cuba's love for her illustrious father. Even the anti-American General Cienfuegos voted for the bill.

— An official report submitted to the Japanese Diet shows that the actual outlay for the war in the Far East, from the beginning of hostilities to their end in September last, was for the army \$495,000,000, and for the navy \$90,000,000.

— Rev. Irving M. Channon, a missionary of the American Board in Micronesia, will participate with Rev. Dr. Arthur H. Smith, the famous Chinese missionary, and other noted workers, in the series of fifty meetings which the Board will hold this year in various large cities of America

in celebration of the haystack episode which "made history" one hundred years ago. Mr. Channon graduated from Oberlin College in 1890. He has been in charge of the work in the Gilbert Islands, directing preachers and teachers, and making frequent trips in the "Morning Star."

— The annual presentation of Bibles from the American Seamen's Friend Society to the graduating class at the Naval Academy at Annapolis took place last Sunday in the Academy Chapel, Rev. Charles Augustus Stoddard, D. D., president of the Society, preaching for the beloved chaplain, Rev. Dr. H. H. Clark, and presenting the Bibles. The midshipmen had the choice of several books, and, as in former years, all of them chose Bibles. Fourteen received copies of the Douay version, as they were Roman Catholics.

— M. Fallieres, the new French President, is the son of a magistrate's clerk, and the grandson of a blacksmith, whose forge and cottage, propped up against the walls of the Cathedral of Mezin, have only recently disappeared — just in time to prevent their figuring in the pictorial press as scenes of the early life of a President-elect. Paul Doumer, the defeated candidate for the Presidency, is a self-made man who began life as a locksmith's apprentice. Later he became a newspaper reporter, and ultimately an editor.

— W. W. Russell, the American Minister to Venezuela, has practically succeeded in restoring friendly relations between Colombia and Venezuela. These relations were severely strained through the escape of a rebel Venezuela general across the border into Colombia, and the tardiness of the Colombian authorities in satisfying Venezuela's demand for the general's extradition. Minister Russell, who is a Marylander by birth, was minister to Colombia previous to his appointment to Caracas.

— Dr. William R. Brooks, director of Smith Observatory and professor of astronomy at Hobart College, discovered a new comet on last Saturday morning in the northeastern sky. Its position is right ascension, 14 hours, 19 minutes and 30 seconds, declination north, 47 degrees, 10 minutes. It has a moderate motion in a northeasterly direction. This is said to be the first comet of the year, and is the twenty-fifth discovered by Professor Brooks.

— Ever since the time when the son of Prince Tuan was dismissed on account of his father's complicity in the "Boxer" disturbances, there has been no heir to the Chinese throne. The Empress Dowager, therefore, ordered all eligible princes to be presented at the palace on the Chinese New Year, and from these candidates she will select three or four who will be kept in the palace for a year or two. From these selected candidates the Emperor's successor will be nominated. The Chinese Government disapproves a proposition of the Viceroy of the Southern Provinces to mobilize the troops for manoeuvres in the spring, fearing that the assemblage of the southern forces might result in an anti-foreign demonstration. There has been much agitation of late looking to the reorganization and enlargement of the Chinese navy.

— The State Department has been advised of the collapse of the last remnant of the insurrection in San Domingo. Only one of Morales' adherents has been in the field for the past week, holding out at Sanchez, on the north coast. Word now comes that this "general" has surrendered to the Caceres forces, thus restoring tranquillity to the entire republic, and placing the Government in possession of all the custom houses.

SEEKING THE "LIGHT POSITION"

SCIENCE tells us that plants have eyes, or spots that are particularly sensitive to incident light. A leaf on which the light falls at an angle of perhaps forty-five degrees will turn itself until it receives light at right angles to its surface. Then the curvature ceases, and the leaf remains in a state of equilibrium, satisfied, as it were, with the "light position." The curvature proceeds until the spots of light are central in the cells, the leaf relying on the membrane of the basal wall of each cell to act as a sort of retina, to guide it into the position where it will get the most light.

There is a "light position" for the human heart, toward which it turns, unsatisfied by anything else. The immortal soul can never really be content until the rays of divine illumination become central in its inmost life. Conscience is like the sensitive membrane of the cell, guiding a believer into the position in which he will get the most light. Souls as well as plants have eyes, and must be faithful to the law that impels them to seek what is brightest and best if they are to reach their highest and most normal development.

THE APOCALYPSE IN THE STARS AND IN A CHILD'S HEART

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies; that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. — PSALM 8:1-2.

IT is an experience full of joy and wonder to learn the meaning of a new word. A child will rejoice in a new word, and say it over again and again. In later life we repress our utterance of happiness; but we feel it none the less. When we learn a new word, mastering and relating its content, we stand in the place of revelation. It is a privilege and a joy.

This is the meaning of the rapture which men have felt as they have looked up into the sky at night and apprehended the meaning of that silent splendor. They have been learning the meaning of a word of God. They have stood in the place of revelation. The heavens have declared "the glory of God," for the universe is only a word of the Infinite.

Alas! that so many should spell the letters of the word and not comprehend what the word means. The heavens unveil their glory, but are mute to the soul of many a gazer. Astronomers have mapped the sky and yet traced therein no deeper meaning than impersonal law and order.

The vastness of the symbol sometimes obscures the realization of its inner meaning. Modern astronomy has reduced the earth to a speck; our tiny planet has grown so small! The sublimity of the universe overwhelms us in utter amazement. We lose God's word in the sky. So the word becomes void of content. It might mean so much, and it ends by meaning nothing.

To him whose eyes are unsealed to the vision, however, God's glory becomes the content of the word of the universe. We

stand with hushed, reverent spirit while the inner meaning of the sacred symbol is declared.

Then suddenly from the sublimity and the silence of the heavens, we drop to the weakness, the fret and the babble of our human life. It is all so pitiful. How can we do less than have contempt for ourselves? The lip curls instinctively. "What is man?"

We need now to comprehend the content of another word of God. We must read the apocalypse in the heart of a child, as well as in the face of the starry sky. God's character is less fully revealed in the sky than it is in the soul of men. At the last analysis it is the human that most perfectly discloses God.

How hard it is to discern this! It is so near, so common, and sometimes so ugly. Vice and misery drag out their dreary, dissolute procession before us. The purity and peace of the stars are incomparably far from this sodden existence. So declares the careless watcher of the human spectacle.

To him, however, who has kept his spirit open to the vision, the apocalypse in the human complements the revelation in the sky. The great unsetting faiths, the undimmed affirmations, the lustrous yearnings of the human spirit, become another and a far more pregnant word of God. How nobly, how divinely the spirit has behaved itself in the presence of the ultimate realities, and the poignant tests of life in the past and the present! Its moods are noble and its declarations divine. The best that we know of the soul is full refutation of the charges that seem warranted from the undeniable display of its baser dispositions. The final judgment, when all the facts are in, pronounces clearly that this human spirit really is but little less than God. We have bowed our heads in amazement and despair in the face of the sublimity of the starry sky; we lift them in glowing confidence when we think of the meaning of a child's heart. God's own nature is the content of the apocalypse of the human soul. We turn from the contemplation of the sky and the child, resolved to stand up in the face of the universe and vindicate the divineness of our own being in God's divine world.

Rejoicing Over the Hospital

ON the next page we print the jubilant notes of victory connected with the report of the annual meeting of the New England Deaconess Association. The chief matter of interest and rejoicing is the fact that the \$50,000 needed in order to complete the new hospital edifice is pledged, and that work to that end will begin at an early date. It is impossible to overestimate the significance of this achievement. Hearty gratitude and commendation are due and extended to all who have, as they were able, contributed to the success of this Christian institution—and perhaps a hospital is the most Christian of all the visible manifestations of the kingdom of God on this earth. Jesus put emphasis upon healing the sick as the principal evidence that He was sent from God. So wherever religion is most Christ-like it flowers naturally into hospitals. It was, therefore, perfectly natural that the constituency of the Methodist Episcopal Church in New England should desire to

have a hospital in this centre, which should express the beneficence and religious spirit and life of our denomination. The wonder is that it did not come earlier as an aspiration and a burden to the disciples of Christ in our communion.

Connected with the effort at its humble beginning, and actively in its earlier years, we now review the record with tender and profound gratitude to all who have so faithfully served the cause. Some of the most important helpers have been glorified. Dr. W. R. Clark, how genial, constraining, hopeful, he was! He knew it would be built at an early day. Dear Dr. Brodbeck! We can hear him now on bended knees travail with God for victory. He never doubted the ultimate success of the enterprise. Miss Lunn "counted not her life dear unto herself," that her hospital, laid upon her by the Divine Spirit, might be completed. Mrs. J. W. Cushing was for ten years a most faithful treasurer, living, laboring and sacrificing for this hospital; and who that knows does not recall how earnestly her husband, himself a "good physician," planned and worked for its wise beginning? Who shall do justice to Rev. Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Watkins, who bore the burden when it was so heavy, and accomplished so much? Or to Rev. Jesse Wagner, who, in his characteristically wise and successful effort, achieved much for the cause?

There is reason for special gratitude that, as the supporters of this great cause have been called away from us, or have been obliged to devote themselves to other interests, God has raised up new helpers who have assumed the burden and rendered essential support with personal effort and by generous contributions.

We have seen the names of the contributors, Dr. C. C. Bragdon of Lasell Seminary leading the list. We are surprised, however, to find how few of our people in the city and the immediate suburbs have shared in this grand achievement. This fact shows that the resources are still large and available for what will be urgently needed to fully complete and equip the hospital. While we rejoice, therefore, at what has been done, we are also gratified that Secretary Hildreth has so large and promising an outlook for the consummation of the work which he has carried on so successfully.

We lay the needs of this Christian institution again upon the hearts of our people. May new helpers and donors come forward. Let us not be content with anything less for our denomination than a modern hospital, fully up to date in construction and equipment.

We are happy to add that the "all day prayer-meeting" for the hospital, appointed for Jan. 21, and announced in these columns, was largely attended, that the services were earnest, hopeful and inspirational, and that an additional contribution of \$1,000 was announced during the day.

God Working in Us

OUR faculties of mind and will are intended for the perfect performance of the duties of life. The power to use these gifts and graces aright, however, comes from God. "For it is God that worketh in you." When Saladin looked at the sword of Richard Cœur de Lion he wondered, we are told, that a blade so ordinary should have wrought such mighty deeds. The English King bared his arm and said: "It was not the sword that did these things, it was the arm of Richard!" Whether we compare the activity of a good man to a sword or a shepherd's crook, it is after all the arm of the Divine Strengtheners that does with it great things.

New Deaconess Hospital Assured

NEW ENGLAND Methodism has special reasons to rejoice and give thanks for the work achieved by the New England Deaconess Association during the year that has just passed. It was an inspiration to be present at the annual meeting of that body Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 23, and to hear the reports of the consecrated and self-sacrificing men and women whose lives are devoted to the work of making their neighbors better both in soul and in body.

The Wesleyan Association Committee room, at No. 36 Bromfield Street, was filled with the officers and members of the Association when Rev. Dr. W. T. Perrin called the meeting to order. After an invocation by Rev. Dr. T. C. Watkins, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Emma H. Watkins, the clerk of the Association.

The report of Miss Josephine Fisk, the superintendent of the Deaconess Home, was a

Presentation of Good Tidings

and encouraging facts regarding the steady progress of the Home. Among other things

Worcester County supported one of the students for two years in the school. The Lynn District Epworth League has raised \$200 to support a student in the school. The Deaconess Aid Society and the Training School are also supporting students. Fifty dollars has been raised by students to start an endowment fund.

The acting superintendent of the Deaconess Hospital, Miss Abbing, said that ten years have elapsed since the Hospital began the work of

Caring for the Sick,

and with only fourteen beds at the institution's disposal, 1763 patients have been cared for. During the past year, 234 patients were admitted; the total number treated was 246. Of this number, fifty-five were admitted as free patients, fifty partly paying, and 141 at full price. Of the number admitted, twenty were medical, and 214 surgical cases. The aggregate value of Hospital work was \$10,120.93. Of this, the free work amounted to \$3,705.70; at part price, \$2,192.14, of which \$1,210.48 was paid, a rebate of \$981.66. The total value of out-

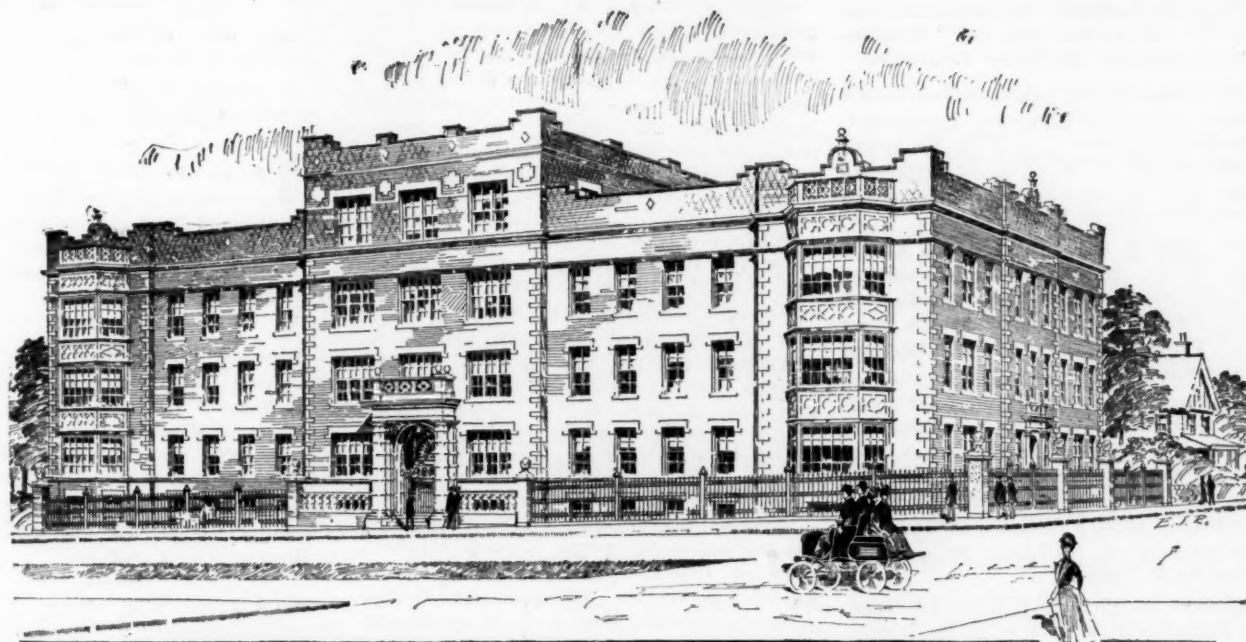
careful attention. The work has grown, and is in greater favor than ever with each of the Conferences, resulting in a

Larger Service to our Church.

Offerings to the cause have been made by 309 churches. The deaconess is the agent upon whom efficient field work depends, hence the crying need of the enlargement of all the institutions training them in their usefulness. Secretary Hildreth made a stirring appeal in behalf of the Hospital, noting gratefully the telling work of the auxiliary organizations.

It proved a veritable love feast occasion, when, as the result of an especial solicitation by the corresponding secretary, the sum of \$2,800 was pledged by individuals present, a sum which ensures the commencing of work on the Hospital in another month. The doxology was sung twice over from thankful hearts.

There is also \$1,450 in cash on hand, said Mr. Hildreth, and \$2,000 in sight in pledges toward furnishing. There is still needed \$40,000 to pay for the building when completed, and avoid a debt on the same. Of



noted in the report were the following: There are now twenty-eight deaconesses belonging to the Home, fifteen licensed and thirteen probationers. Of these, twenty-five are actively engaged. Five deaconesses have gone to missionary fields during the past five years. The total number of calls made by the deaconesses during the course of the year was 20,865. A number of thrilling incidents were related illustrating the faith, zeal and blessed ministry of this noble band of women.

It has been a prosperous year for the Bible Training School. Miss Orianna F. Harding, the superintendent of the school, in her report, called attention to the fact that an added interest has been taken in the school on the part of the churches. The names of the non-resident teachers and the branches of study taught reveal the fact that the school is eminently equipped in teaching force and curriculum. There have been in the school during the past year twenty-eight young women, representing six States and three foreign countries. Eight young women graduated in June, five of them entering their present fields of work directly from the school. Statistics were given in detail with regard to study hours, calls, teaching, church work, etc. The King's Daughters of

side nursing amounted to \$186.05. Many creeds, nations and occupations are represented among the patients. The school year of the Training School for Nurses opened with eight pupil nurses, one of whom resigned. Later, two former nurses re-entered the school. During the year, eight nurses were received, and five formally admitted to the school at the end of the probation months. Instruction is given from standard text books; and leading physicians are among the lecturers. The first four nurses the Hospital graduated are now licensed deaconesses. The gospel of helpfulness is daily practiced by this institution. The support is by donations, public and private.

Miss Ellen Hibbard, whose time and talents are devoted to teaching and training in the School and Home, is also the efficient editor of the *Deaconess Journal*, the monthly paper issued for ten months in the year, voicing the work and needs of the deaconess movement. The usual issue of the *Journal* is 5,000 copies a month. As an advertising medium for the work it is invaluable, its silent influence continually adding friends and supporters.

The painstaking and thorough-going work of the faithful corresponding secretary, Mr. Theodore A. Hildreth, elicited

the cash or pledges available, \$7,000 was subscribed by the Deaconess Aid Society, of which \$3,000 is already raised by them; \$6,200 comes from legacies, and the rest from personal gifts.

The report of Treasurer Henry D. Degen showed the Hospital expenses for the year to have been \$7,070.42; Home, \$4,580.32; Training School \$1,802.77; *Deaconess Journal*, \$302.05; general expenses, \$3,066.15. The hospital building fund amounted to \$7,214.38; the general endowment fund, \$5,978.75; Children's Home, \$4,046.32; Hospital endowment fund, \$328; Training School endowment fund, \$50.78; Hospital furnishing fund, \$1,062.57; Children's Home income account, \$254.76.

It was voted that the executive committee make the recommendations favoring the establishment of a central deaconess board for the care of deaconess superannuates.

It was also voted that greetings of the meeting and news of the progress of the Association and Hospital work be forwarded to Miss Mary E. Lunn and Dr. C. C. Bragdon, both of whom are in Pasadena, Cal.

The official roster remains the same as last year, with the addition of Mr. R. S. Douglass to the board of managers.

PERSONALS

— Rev. W. W. Ramsay, D. D., formerly pastor of the Tremont St. Church, will make Detroit, Mich., his home.

— Miss Louise Manning Hodgkins was elected last week a member of the Authors' Club, of which Julia Ward Howe has so long been president.

— Dean William M. Warren gave an address before the twelfth annual meeting of the New Hampshire Association of Academy Teachers, on "Teaching Pupils How to Think."

— On the Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges, last Thursday, at Wilbraham Academy, the address was given by Rev. E. M. Antrim, Ph. D., of Trinity Church, Springfield. It was thoughtful, earnest, and brought results.

— Prof. Borden P. Bowne, President Charles Cuthbert Hall and Hon. John G. Woolley have been invited to speak in Manila, under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance of the Philippine Islands, on their tour round the world.

— President E. H. Hughes, of DePauw University, delivered the principal address at the banquet of the Republican Editorial Association at Indianapolis on the evening of Jan. 25. His subject was the "Relation of the Newspaper to Public Education."

— Rev. Edmond M. Lewis, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Brookfield, has recently accepted a call to the secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A. of Delaware County, New York, and will enter upon his duties the first of February.

— The many friends of Rev. Louis Albert Banks, D. D., in this city, and vicinity, will be gratified to learn that they will have an opportunity to hear him at the First Church, Temple St., this city, at a banquet on the evening of Feb. 22.

— The entire church will tenderly sympathize with Bishop Luther B. Wilson and family in the great sorrow which has come to them. The Bishop's oldest son, twenty-four years of age, died Jan. 19. He was a young man of much promise, a physician by profession and a Christian for years of gracious experience.

— A note from East Whitman, Mass., dated Jan. 25, states: "Mrs. H. W. Brown, wife of the pastor at Whitman, Mass., has been critically ill for several weeks with the grip and pneumonia, but seems now to be on the road to recovery. A weak heart has complicated the treatment of the disease."

— Rev. Fred Winslow Adams, D. D., of State St. Church, Schenectady, whose pastorate has been one continuous revival, is greatly desired by other churches for evangelistic services. Last week he assisted the pastor of Memorial Church, Troy, N. Y., with very gracious results.

— A minister, writing from Troy, N. Y., under date of Jan. 23, says of Prof. Edward Everett Hale, Jr., whose recent significant religious experience was first announced in these columns: "Professor Hale spoke in Troy last Sunday at the Y. M. C. A., with great power. His influence in Union College is very marked."

— We are greatly shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. Plumley, of Northfield, Vt., wife of Hon. Frank Plumley, which occurred at their home, Jan. 29. She was a woman of unusual ability and culture, adorned by the graces of a Christian life and character. Two children survive, to share their father's loss. A fitting memoir of this excellent woman will soon appear.

— The *California Christian Advocate* says: "Dr. and Mrs. George B. Smyth

announce the engagement of their daughter Harriet S. to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez of San Francisco. The marriage will take place after the commencement exercises next spring. Miss Smyth is a member of the senior class, University of California. Dr. Alvarez is a graduate of Cooper Medical College."

— Harvard St., Cambridge, W. F. M. S. auxiliary has the honor of making the first subscription to the Butler Memorial, the new hospital in Baroda in honor of Mrs. William Butler. The subscription is given in the name of Mrs. Harriet Merrick Warren, the first editor of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*. The fund, which is the thank offering of the New England Branch this year, is too popular to be confined to one branch, and is to be shared to a greater or less extent by other branches.

— The late President Harper, of the University of Chicago, left only a small estate, and hence it is pleasant to note that in Mr. Rockefeller's latest gift of \$1,450,000 to the University a fund of \$100,000 is set aside, the interest of which is to be paid to Mrs. Harper during her lifetime. Like the elder Agassiz, Harper was too busy with noble causes to stoop to mere money-making.

— Last winter Rev. J. T. Docking, Ph. D., president of Cookman Institute, at Jacksonville, Fla., by a cordial invitation delivered a course of lectures before the Inter-denominational Ministers' Association of that city, and this winter, by unanimous invitation of the same Association, is giving another series of lectures on "Our Minister."

— The *Bostonia* for January, which, by the way, is an unusually interesting number, says: "One of the most interesting recent events in the history of the school was the lecture by Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell on 'Peter the Hermit.' Bishop Goodsell was warmly welcomed by faculty and students, and it is expected he will favor us again in the near future with a lecture on 'The Value of Acquaintance with Peculiar People.'"

— Sooboonagam Ammal has returned to the Methodist Episcopal Zenana Mission, Madras. One Sunday evening, according to the *Malaysian Message*, just before prayers, the deaconess and her assistants were assembled for a quiet hour when unexpectedly Sooboo burst into their midst. The scene was most affecting. With a great sob and a flood of tears she flung herself at the feet of Miss Stephens. It is needless to say how welcome the wanderer was made, and that there were great rejoicings and praises to God for His gracious answers to prayer.

— Rev. Dr. J. G. Vaughn, secretary of the India Jubilee Commission for the Eastern States, called at this office on the 26th inst. to share with the editor the joy and gratitude of an experience which had just come to him. Upon calling at the New England Depository for his mail, he found a letter containing a check for \$12,500, the gift of a generous friend of India for the Jubilee Fund. This modest donor stipulated that his name should not be mentioned. Dr. Vaughn has returned to his home in Syracuse, where he will be glad to receive remittances for this splendid cause.

— The *Michigan Christian Advocate* says in last week's issue: "Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, of Detroit, will start next week for a trip to the island of Porto Rico, and will be accompanied by Mrs. Robinson's sister, Miss Henrietta Binckert, secretary of the Deaconess Bureau of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. They go partly to study conditions for the progress of missionary work in the island, and more partic-

ularly to locate the building for the George O. Robinson Orphanage, which has been established by the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

— Miss Elizabeth C. Northup, editor of the *Friend*, in a letter, refers to Mrs. Keen, whose translation is noted in this issue, so sympathetically and tenderly that we cannot resist the temptation to present some sentences, though not designed for publication. She says:

"Mrs. Keen pulled at my heartstrings as nobody else in that whole company of women. I came as near adoration in her case, as possible. She had the reticence of fine breeding. Queenly, charming, fascinating, wise, tolerant, with the indefinable air of birth and culture, and deeply spiritual—if I could only be like her I could think of nothing more desirable. I owe much to this dear woman for the embodiment that she gave me of my choicest ideals of womanhood, and the treasure of her friendship."

BRIEFLETS

Particular attention is called to an important communication which appears on another page, bearing the signatures of Bishop Goodsell and R. S. Douglass.

There was an increase of more than fifty per cent. in the number of college students enrolled in mission study last year over that of the year preceding.

The *Examiner* says that "every seventeenth person in this broad land is a Baptist." Good! And may it be better! This splendid evangelical and evangelistic denomination is one of the most vital religious forces in this country.

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society, just held, Hon. John D. Long was for the twentieth year elected president, and Rev. Dr. Alfred Noon was for the sixteenth time chosen secretary. In 1905 the society visited nearly a thousand public schools, received pledges of over 13,000 pupils, and circulated two million pages of leaflets.

The trouble with many of the ethico-religious schemes of the present day is that they miss the simplicity that is in Christ. Their originators and advocates fail to see that a true religion must be one thing and not many, and must inevitably be intolerant of the multitudinous errors which stand to it in the relation both of logical and spiritual opposites. No man can serve God with many thoughts unless he has the right thought of God in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, which is the co-ordinating and controlling principle among a thousand fancies, all of which may in themselves, as mere concepts, be lovely, honest and of good report.

The psychologic explanations of conversion advanced by some may be all right so far as they go, but they do not go the whole way. While they elucidate the causes, they do not explain the Cause of the causes. Certain processes of the human mind we may trace out, and we may theorize to a degree regarding the subtle currents of the soul's inner life. But after all, psychology but scratches the ground, in its attempts to define or explain conversion as a phenomenon, and it remains true that the *modus* of the mysterious activity of God's Spirit in that act and consummation no man knoweth, nor ever can know.

Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall, in his able book entitled "Christian Belief, Interpret-

ed by Christian Experience," frankly admits the deep spirituality and profound religious earnestness of the Orient, and expresses the fervent hope that the East may for itself and in its own terms interpret Christ and His message to the world, giving us an interpretation which may exceed in grasp and power our Western forms of Christianity. But Dr. Hall courageously condemns the East for being wanting in three regards — the spiritual personality of God, man's reality as a moral individual, and the great fact and power of sin. It would be well if many who indulge in cheap and unthinking appreciations of Buddhism and Mohammedanism would have the grace and candor to admit the three fold lack — which is really the lack of all things — to which Dr. Hall calls attention.

Translation of Mrs. Keen

THE rounding of a period of beautiful service was completed when Mrs. Sarah L. Keen entered into life, Thursday, Jan. 25, from her home in Philadelphia.

She had prepared for this leaving as a gallant general makes ready for what may be his last battle, providing for every contingency and even appointing her successor, yet hopeful that God would permit her to help a little longer in His great campaign. And such was her wonderful vitality that it seemed — even after repeated heart attacks — as if her desire might be granted, when suddenly the quick summons came.

"In the kingdom of God, service is the title of royalty" — her own word in characterizing another — applies with exquisite fitness to this queenly woman of Methodism. The church is poorer for her departure and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is especially bereft in the loss of another of the leaders who have made its wonderful history. Glittered with high social qualities, with delicate charm of manner, with a beauty of face that was a true index of the inner beauty of spirit; endowed also with quick perceptions, accurate judgment, ready sympathy and rare common sense, she submitted all these to the guidance of the great Taskmaster, and, obeying a direct and unmistakable call, for thirty-five years devoted herself unreservedly to the work of hastening the coming of the kingdom.

For a period of thirty-two years she served the Philadelphia Branch of the Society in the responsible office of corresponding secretary, tendering her resignation at its recent annual meeting. Failing health made this a hard duty for the clear brain and loving heart, but it was "made easy" by the loyalty of her co-laborers.

Her service to the general work of the Society was invaluable, for she had an unusual grasp not only of the detail of the foreign work, but also of the scarcely less important administration of the varied aspects of the home work. Wisely conservative, she was, nevertheless, singularly sympathetic in respect to the recent modifications of policy made necessary by the development of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the rapid expansion of the general missionary campaign.

Much of her work was done under the restrictions of delicate health, but her indomitable will knew no physical limitations, and her morning freshness of spirit held the frail body joyously to its heavy

tasks. Hence it is not surprising to learn that during one of the last brief intervals in her suffering she dictated two letters concerning the work she so dearly loved. Surely the Master smiled tenderly when He called to himself His child who was so busy with His work.

Life brought many good gifts to this elect woman, and her fresh and vivid appreciation enhanced their value. Hers might so easily have been a worldly rather than an other-worldly career, but she loved her Saviour too well for this. One of her memorable experiences was a trip around the world, when — still ignoring the menace of ill health — she visited many of the mission stations, giving and gaining new inspiration wherever she went. Best of all gifts, however, was the love that followed her and that now makes her life here a benediction and a fragrant memory.

Three daughters and a son survive her. Of these, Mrs. J. M. Cornell is the corresponding secretary of the New York Branch. Rev. Dr. A. J. Longacre, the distinguished minister, is a brother of the deceased. The funeral services occurred on Monday afternoon, Miss P. J. Walden, of



THE LATE MRS. KEEN

the *Friend*, attending, with many other representatives of the W. F. M. S. from all sections of the country.

IN HIS PRESENCE

The Divine Kindness

Invocation

Father of gentleness and patience and goodness that passeth the uttermost reach of our comprehension, we have dared to complain sometimes at Thy wise withholdings. Time has shown us how foolish was our demand to understand the purpose of Thy benevolent designs. If again we are compelled to sit in darkness, be Thou light upon us, O Lord, until the morning dawns and we discover Thy kindness once more.

Scripture

Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against them that work unrighteousness. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and follow after faithfulness. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. And He shall make thy righteousness to go forth as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be. Yes, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and he shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the land; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for He seeth that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow; to cast down the poor and needy, to slay such as be upright in the way; their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

Meditations

The Committed Way

The fact of the divine kindness calls us to commit our ways unto God. That is, the very beginning of the way, which is always an act of trust, when we are unable to see the end from the beginning. That is, all the steps of the way, every advance movement, and every time of halting for rest and recovery. That is, the end of the way, the far goal and the distant end. All the way is to be committed to God. Sometimes it is easy to commit the end, or the present step, or the far goal to God; but to yield the whole road to Him requires the very supreme surrender. Nothing less than this, however, will bring us strength and peace.

II

Defence Against the Drawn Bow

Time and again we learn the full meaning of these figures of the wicked man with the drawn bow. How shall we meet it? Not by drawing another bow; not by unsheathing another sword; but by turning, in the seeming folly of perfect trust, to the riches and strength of the divine kindness. The foe of the truth falls by his own self turned sword. Our sharpest blades would be in vain. The edge of the divine kindness is enough for our victory. Trust in the divine kindness is sufficient.

III

In all the ways God taketh with my soul
Most wondrous kind and sweet to me is this,
That strands of woe are shot through all my bliss

And drops of joy allay each draught of dole.

And thus my spirit is not ground to dust
Beneath the spike and wheel of bitter loss,
Nor, while it sees the shadow of the cross,
Can rapture quite replace its childlike trust.

Hymn

Every day Thy loving kindness
Leads, O Lord, Thy stumbling child;
Light Thou art in all my blindness;
In my sinning, mercy mild.

Master, Thou art refuge for me
All along my pilgrim way;
Not a danger can destroy me
Nor a doubt my soul dismay.

When the world with wild commotion
Brought me into grievous stress,
I have sought Thee in devotion,
Found Thee near to save and bless.

By Thy kindness armed and guided
Forward move with joy, my soul,
Till life's tumult has subsided
And my life has reached its goal.

Prayer

Heart of the Universe, Thou art good to us beyond all our deserving. Sometimes it has seemed to us for the small moment that we were forsaken; we have soon become aware that with age long kindness, Thou wert drawing us to Thyself. In Thy tenderness we take refuge; we are as one whom his mother comforteth in the enfolding of Thine embrace. Here our restlessness ceases, here our tumult subsides; here is spoken the word of peace. O God, it is so good to have Thee near.

LOST LEADERS

RICHARD WATSON GILDER.

[The following poem was read at a memorial meeting held in New York city last week for William Henry Baldwin, Jr., Norton Goddard, James C. Carter, and Wheeler H. Peckham.]

Lost Leaders — nay, they are not lost
Like shrunken leaves the wild winds
tost.

Them only shall we mourn who failed;
When came the fight — who faltered,
quailed.

Raged not through blood and battle
grime
These heroes of our land and time;
The foes they fought with dauntless deed
Were shameless vice and maddened
greed.

Not lost, not lost the noble dead;
By them our doubting iset are led.
Stars of our dark, sun of our day,
They guide, they light the climbing way.

And if, in their celestial flight,
The mist hath hid those forms from sight,
Still, down the stormy path, we hear
Their hero-voices ringing clear.

Who for their fellows live and die,
They the immortals are. Then sigh
Not for their loss, but rather praise
The God that gave them to our days.

THE IMMANENCE OF GOD

REV. S. E. QUIMBY, D. D.

THERE is a marked tendency in recent years to revive the thought of God present in all natural phenomena, and to regard the forces of nature as the immediate rather than the mediate manifestations of His activity. It is not probable, however, that even devout scientists will change their terminology. Treatises on physics will continue to speak of centrifugal and centripetal action, gravity, momentum, electricity, and other phenomena, as natural forces and not as manifestations of God.

If the phenomena which we have termed properties of matter, or natural laws, are the direct results of an omnipresent divine activity, then we have a "mechanical" God. For uniformity of operation is a scientific postulate. We do not better the thought by saying that what seems to be an irregularity or interference is only a variation in the equation of the fixed path of His procedure, the solution of which equation is yet beyond our ken. By supposing that in His eternal counsels he pre arranged His fixed laws so as to provide for all possible contingencies, we make Him an "absentee" God of the most unapproachable kind. He would be limited by a self imposed fate, and would not be an almighty free agent.

This revival of the thought of the immanence of God is not to be deprecated; but the application of the thought is open to question. We must be careful in what way we attempt to obliterate the distinction between the "natural" and the "supernatural." If everything is miraculous nothing is miraculous. By making all of God's acts special we have nothing special. If God cares only for everything in general and nothing in particular, we lose our faith in His over-ruling providence and substitute a cold, empty belief. We limit the sphere and the joy of prayer, and while think-

ing that we bring Him nigh, we worship Him as a God afar off.

Derry, N. H.

BRAND FROM THE BURNING

REV. DANIEL STEELE, D. D.

THE people of Boston and vicinity have recently enjoyed the labors of Evangelist Toy, a very effective and successful preacher of the Gospel. Our far-famed New England evangelist, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was, on a Monday noon, one of the numerous ministerial hearers of this Baptist revivalist. He reports that he very much enjoyed his plain, searching, and pathetic sermon, at the conclusion of which, although he had gone out of Tremont Temple, he felt a strong impulse to return and thank the preacher. Meeting him in the vestibule, he greeted him with words of commendation, and incidentally asked, "Where do you hail from?" "From Baltimore," was the reply. "I held a revival meeting there six months, twenty-seven years ago," rejoined Harrison. "What is your name?" inquired Toy. When told that it was Harrison, he asked, "Is it Tommy Harrison?" "Yes, they called me so when I was the 'boy preacher.'"

At this reply the Baltimorean warmly grasped his hand, earnestly exclaiming, "To you I am indebted for a blessed change which I have thanked God for ever since, and I will never cease to praise Him to all eternity. I was a Roman Catholic twenty-eight years old. All my father's family were of that faith. I was a hard drinker and a gambler. I was in the land of want like the prodigal son in the swine pasture. I beat my way on the cars, and in my hunger I begged for a bite of bread. Every cent I could get hold of went to gratify those two infatuations, the cup and the cards. One evening when half drunk I did something which, had I been perfectly sober, I would have abhorred. I went into a Protestant meeting, a revival service in the old Emory Methodist Church on Pennsylvania Avenue. After preaching you came down the aisle of the crowded church, and singling me out from the throng you laid your hand on my shoulder, and you three times said, 'You are going to hell,' and without saying anything more you returned to the altar. That was God's effectual message to me. I could not get rid of it. The Holy Spirit made hell a reality, and I was so near its open mouth that with another step I would cross its threshold never to return. During several days the darkness deepened. There was no kindly light to lead me out of my despair. At length, in my great distress, I went to the office of a reformed drunkard, whom I knew in his career of vice. I told him I was on the verge of hell, and asked him, 'Is there any cure?' 'Yes,' said he, 'Jesus Christ, and He alone can save you.' He said, 'Kneel down and pray to Him right here in my office, and give yourself to Him.' We both bowed, and I cried for mercy, and in a moment I was saved through and through. The double yoke of iron which my neck had borne for many years was broken and I was free. I joined the Meth-

odist Episcopal Church, South, and afterwards I became a member of the Baptist Church. I have been preaching more than a score of years, and the Lord has given me a happy family. I no longer feed on husks. Jesus the living bread satisfies me."

Mr. Harrison has no recollection of this startling message, which he was inclined to disclaim, as not of his style. But he has no doubt that God prompted this unusual utterance as the only one by which this man could be saved.

The moral of this account is:

1. The person who, in the words of Father Taylor, "is on speaking terms with God," will be the most likely to receive for the sinner the message needed for his effectual religious awakening.

2. Do not shrink from the delivery of a harsh message.

3. Despair of no one outside of the gate of hell, but invite the most vicious to be saved, as did the Wesleys:

"Outcasts of men, to you I call,
Harlots, and publicans, and thieves,
He spreads His arms to embrace you
all;
Sinners alone His grace receives;
No need of Him the righteous have;
He came the lost to seek and save.

"Come all ye Magdalens in lust,
Ye ruffians fell in murders old;
Repent and live; despair and trust!
Jesus for you to death was sold.
Though hell protest, and earth repine,
He died for crimes like yours — and
mine."

— Charles Wesley.

4. "Cast thy bread upon the waters;
for thou shalt find it after many days."

Milton, Mass.

MARSHALL FIELD AS A MAN

REV. ALBERT SIDNEY GREGG.

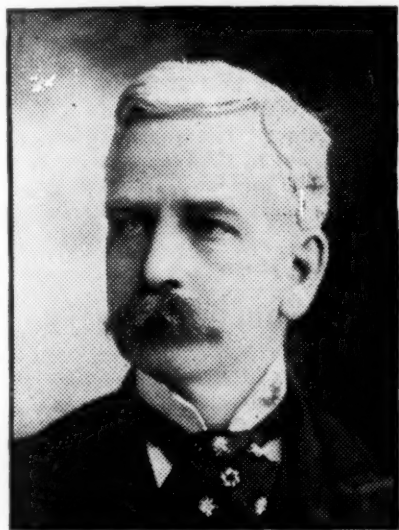
AN elderly gentleman of medium height, spare, alert, active, piercing eyes, a countenance expressing intelligence and strength, and the appearance and manner of a retired army or navy officer — such was Marshall Field, the great merchant millionaire of Chicago, who died recently in New York at the age of seventy-one. The governing qualities of his character were good judgment, honesty, energy, frugality, integrity, and perseverance. He is still remembered as a boy by some of the older residents of Conway, Mass., where he was born in 1835.

The writer made careful inquiry in hope of finding something in the life of the boy that would foreshadow the career of the man, but could not discover a single incident that indicated the embryo millionaire. His father made a living off his farm, which is much to his credit. Marshall's mother was intellectual, and ambitious for her children, but it does not appear that Marshall inherited much of the purely literary quality from his mother. As a boy he did not care much for books. As a scholar he was slow and backward. A dollar looked big to the boy, and he was a money saver from the start. As he afterwards said, he resolved not to remain poor.

His first business venture was as a clerk in a store at Pittsfield. He was seventeen. A current story in Conway is

to the effect that he was so unpromising at first that his employer sent word to the elder Field that he "had better take the boy home, because he would never make a merchant." Later, it appears, this man changed his mind, for Marshall stayed with him four years, and was urged to become a partner. He declined, and, with his savings, started for the West, found a place in Chicago, "stuck to his job," and won fame and fortune.

Later in life Mr. Field declared that the foundations of his subsequent success were laid in the Pittsfield store, which was really a department store on a small



THE LATE MARSHALL FIELD

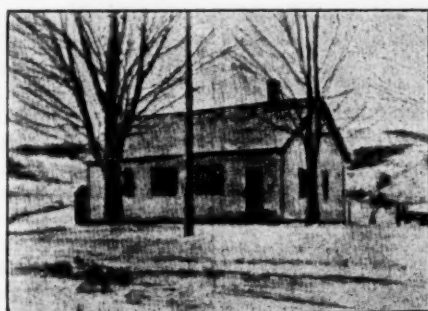
scale, and which gave him an all-round training in buying, selling and accounting. The real turning-point in his life, however, was the saving of \$5,000 from a moderate salary, when he might just as well have spent it — as hundreds of young men are doing now. This money gave him ability to take advantage of opportunities. It enabled him to become a partner and eventually master of a great business. His fortune was really the result of accumulated savings. The business policy of his house has been to pay cash for goods, sell on short time, and exact prompt payments. The absence of liabilities made him "panic proof." He did not speculate. If he dealt in stocks it was as an investment. He paid cash in all stock and real estate transactions, and never gave a note or mortgaged any of his property. There were no ventures or great risks in the development of his business. He insisted that every piece of goods sold should be worth the price charged. Not a shadow of taint attaches to his millions. As one paragrapher well expresses it: "He died rich, but not disgraced."

Mr. Field was a regular attendant of a Presbyterian church. It was known that he supported a missionary, but no one ever knew just where, not even his best friends. He did not make himself conspicuous, either in society, politics, or even business circles, and for this reason he was not personally known to many people, although his fame reached around the world.

His greatest gift was \$1,000,000 for the Field Columbian Museum, Chicago. In contrast with this gift may be mentioned his gift of a library to the town of Conway. It is an attractive structure of

granite, marble, brick and limestone, and occupies a conspicuous site. At first glance it reminds one of an astronomical observatory. It is as finely finished as the Congressional Library in Washington. The vestibule floor is tiled with white Italian marble, the floor of the rotunda just under the dome is a mosaic of rich colored marble, the walls from floor to wainscoting are marble, and the columns are of beautifully polished solid marble blocks. All the marble is of the best selected Brescia violet marble and polished, excepting the carved surfaces. The linings and floors of the two fireplaces in the reading-rooms are of gray mottled Roman brick. There are over 6,000 volumes, besides the full line of magazines and other publications. A reading room is set apart for children, where many of them "get their lessons" for school. The library is equipped with modern appliances, and as far as it goes is the equal of any library. Miss Grace Pease, a member of an old Methodist family, is librarian.

The wonderful business foresight of Mr. Field was shown in providing an endowment for this institution. The building cost about \$125,000. He paid this outright, without requiring anything from the town, and then gave an endowment of \$50,000. The endowment is in first-class securities, which yield an income sufficient to pay librarian and other help, and buy new books. A very unique feature is that Mr. Field set aside \$4,000, the interest of which is to pay the man who looks after the endowment. Thus he insured the safety of the library for all time. Local trustees care for the property, and the pastors of the local churches are expected to aid in the selection of



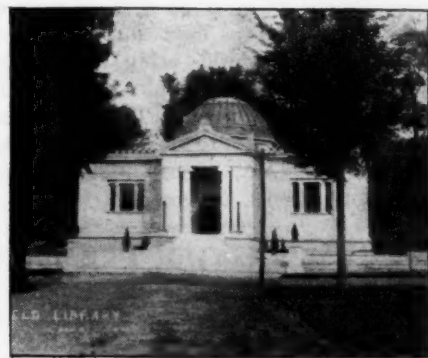
THE CONWAY SCHOOLHOUSE
Where Marshall Field attended school

new books. The cornerstone of this building was laid July 4, 1900, six years after the dedication of the Field Museum, Chicago. It was built in memory of Mr. Field's parents, who are buried at Conway. It bears the inscriptions: "Field Memorial Library." "Free to All."

Little is known of Mr. Field's general benevolences, but there is at least one incident that endears him to a coterie of church people in Conway. A woman of Conway chanced to be visiting the first Mrs. Field in Chicago, a number of years ago. One evening Mr. Field, Mrs. Field, and the Conway visitor were sitting in the field home on Prairie Avenue, while a hard rain was pouring down outside. "I hope it won't rain in Conway tonight," remarked the visitor, somewhat anxiously. "Why?" she was asked. "Because the ladies are going to have a social at the church tonight to raise money for a new carpet." "There, Mar-

shall, is a chance for you," exclaimed Mrs. Field. The merchant smiled good-naturedly, and then replied: "All right. Tomorrow you ladies may go down to the store and pick out a carpet and I will have it sent to Conway." It was not much to Mr. Field, but it was a small fortune to the ladies in Conway.

For many years it has been the practice of Mr. Field to make an annual pilgrimage to Conway, principally to look after the graves of his ancestors. The writer was there when he made his final visit last summer, just before he went to England to get married. He drove over from Williamsburg with his traveling companion, took dinner at the hotel, and in company with Town Clerk Billings, an old schoolmate, visited the cemeteries, called on the widow of his brother, whom



FIELD LIBRARY AT CONWAY

he has supported for many years, and then held a quiet reception in the rotunda of the library. There was no display. It was a very commonplace occasion. Mr. Field remembered some of his friends of younger days, and greeted them pleasantly, by name. It was hard to realize that he was really "the great merchant of Chicago." He drove back to Williamsburg, twelve miles, where he concluded his visit with his sister, Mrs. James.

Mr. Field never courted publicity, and was averse to talking about himself or his achievements. For that reason little is known about the real inner life of the man. Yet, for the sake of aiding the young men of today, Orison Swett Marden some years ago obtained from him a personal statement touching his philosophy of life, some points of which have been used in the foregoing sketch. We will close with Mr. Field's own views, as given in that statement, relative to the uses of wealth and the greatest good a man can do. He said:

"A man, upon giving up business, does not cease laboring, but really does, or should do, more, in a larger sense. He should interest himself in public affairs. There is no happiness in mere dollars. It is only in the wider public affairs, where money is a moving force toward the general welfare, that the possessor of it can possibly find pleasure, and that only in constantly doing more. . . . The greatest good he can do is to cultivate himself, develop his powers, in order that he may be of greater use to humanity."

An Associated Press despatch from Chicago states that the great bulk of the estate of Marshall Field, according to the will which was read to the family, Aug. 20, will be held undivided under trustee-

ship for the benefit of the three children of the late Marshall Field, Jr. The estate has been estimated at from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000.

To the people of Chicago the merchant carried out his implied promise by leaving \$8,000,000 to the Field Columbian Museum.

Mr. Field's only daughter, Mrs. David Beattie, of England, receives \$8,000,000. To his nieces and sisters Mr. Field leaves cash gifts of \$100,000 or less. Sums are left to various charities in which Mr. Field was interested. Old family servants also are remembered. The fact that Mrs. Marshall Field, Sr., who as Mrs. Arthur Caton was married to Mr. Field last September, is not included, so far as known, among the large bequests, apparently confirms the story that she received a wedding present of a large sum of money from her husband. That sum is said to have been \$2,000,000, being given with the proviso that Mrs. Field should surrender her dower rights. The chief beneficiaries of the will are Marshall Field, 3d, twelve years old, Henry Field, 9, and Gwendolyn Field, 4 years old.

AN EVANGELISTIC PRESIDING ELDER

REV. GEORGE F. DURGIN.

FROM his excellent little book, "The Evangelistic Awakening," the author, Rev. Wentworth F. Stewart, omits the discussion of a most important division of his theme. The lack of a chapter on the title of this article makes the book seriously incomplete. It is fair to assume that the omission was made because the author is a presiding elder. But in this office Mr. Stewart has had marked success along the lines of evangelistic leadership, and the discussion of the presiding elder's place and obligations in this work of aggressive evangelism, illustrated by his own experience, would have been helpful, if not to other elders, at least to pastors and churches. Since the presiding elder is a part of our economy, and since evangelism is the dominant note of the book, as also of the times, all modesty should have been put aside. A frank discussion, as fearless and able as the other chapters, would have helpfully called attention to some of the problems in local conditions which confront the pastor and hinder the work.

A chief difficulty is found in getting the "leading officials" to take prominent and persistent place in the evangelistic work. Lack of local lay leadership in the class, prayer and special meetings hinders the work seriously. Many young men are held back from becoming openly professed Christians because men who are prominent in official circles are not prominent in the "means of grace." The pastor pleads, prays, argues. The official turns a deaf ear or pleads his business, and the revival languishes. This official's sons and other young men are not influenced toward the Christian profession and life.

A second problem is found in the pastoral office. Major portions of time must be spent in an endless round of clerical work and small detail. This takes the time, thought and strength of the minister. The energy that goes into money-raising, business administration, and much useless "pastoral work," is taken from the better service of the minister, and the possibility of preaching and the effectiveness of pastoral evangelism are very decidedly lessened. Nearly every minister would like to be a student, a better preacher, and a

more successful evangelist. But when the never finished running about has taken all the day, he has no time and strength to equip himself to be an effective preacher and evangelist, against the tremendous odds of a laity that "pays the preacher to do that work."

If the presiding elder could only solve these two problems he could make the church evangelistic. If, somehow, he could make the quarterly conference feel that the most important work for laymen is not as trustees of property or as stewards of finances, but that primarily the office means leadership in the work of conversion and upbuilding of the spiritual life; if he could persuade the quarterly conference that too many details of service detract from the pastor's influence and effectiveness, that as a business proposition the church is paying too much for this common detail, and for clerical work, that laymen could do all this and thus add to their own influence, and increase the preacher's power by conserving his energy and concentrating his attention on the higher interests of his people; if the ordinary means of grace, the Sunday school and the office of teacher therein, personal Christian life, Bible study, mission study, and all the present important factors of vital Christian service, could be made prominent by his visit—if the presiding elder could do all this, a great gain could be made.

As seen from the outside, the need for the presiding elder is not primarily in the work of administration, excellent as his counsel may be in this. The place of the elder is not primarily a social function, helpful as may be a good man, a senior officer, who comes occasionally and shakes hands warmly, smiles cheerily, and leaves a good feeling when he is gone. The elder is wanted not primarily as preacher, refreshing as a new voice, and that an official one, may be to both pastor and people. The business of the church is in the work of getting men saved, soul and body, from sin and unto Jesus Christ. The quarterly meeting that gives an impulse to this work is helpful. The coming of the presiding elder ought to give new courage in this work to the pastor, ought to call the leaders to renewed effort, ought to be the occasion of special effort to get the unsaved to be present, ought to be a revival occasion; his going ought to leave an atmosphere that would result in larger attendance at the general meetings and a deeper impression of spirituality in the work. He should come and go as an evangelist. The department that is made healthily and cheerfully important in the quarterly conference is the department that is most easily worked by the pastor afterward. I would not attempt to tell how all this is to be effected. That is the presiding elder's problem; I have no desire to try to solve it. But I do not hesitate to tell, what is no secret to any pastor, that the quarterly visit is often very disappointing, and that the pastor has a heavy heart after it is all over, not from any particular action that has been taken or any special word that has been spoken, but because there is lacking the feeling that an impulse has been given to the real work of the church. Necessary attention has been given to money matters, insurance, building, and the like, a good influence and impression has been made in the interests of the material side of the church life; but, without putting it into words, the pastor goes home with a kind of (at least, sub-) consciousness that he has to begin all over again to work up the interest in the spiritual work, and sometimes he has new courage to do it. Counsel, friendliness, leadership in material plans and efforts are wanted and expected of the presiding elder, but more is wanted. The

elder is the pastor's pastor; his prayer, his counsel, his leadership of the man are wanted. The pastor who constantly gives, who lives under the enervating influences of both criticism and praise, needs a pastor; such can be officially provided only in an evangelistic presiding elder. The elder can make the pastor an evangelist. The elder can make the standard before the official men for the pastor's work. The elder can make the people feel the importance of evangelistic effort. The elder can help make a revival in the charge he visits. Many members of the quarterly conference take their cue from the elder, and his visit has the possibility of evangelistic leadership. He holds the key to the present situation in aggressive evangelism. If only he could break the traditional schedule of quarterly conferences, and give occasional time and strength to an appointment, he could lead as an evangelistic presiding elder. The quarterly conference that is rushed in between two trains is of little value in any way, and is of great injury to the most important interest of the church.

Cambridge, Mass.

PHILADELPHIA LETTER

VENAS.

JUST now our city is in the midst of preparations for a great evangelistic campaign, to be conducted by those world-famous workers, Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander. The organization of the forces for the meetings is most complete, and if properly worked, and attended by the blessing of God, they will surely succeed in accomplishing great things. A great choir of four thousand singers, under the direction of Mr. H. C. Lincoln, has been formed, and is already at practice. This number is made so large that each night will have at least a thousand singers in the choir.

The original plan of building a great tabernacle at 36th Street and Lancaster Avenue, away to one side of the city, has been, we are informed, very wisely abandoned, and meetings are to be held in the Second Regiment Armory, a building capable of seating ten thousand people, at Broad Street and Susquehanna Avenue, and in the First Regiment Armory, a building equally as large, located at Broad and Wharton Streets. During the Friday nights of January, every church in Philadelphia is uniting in union meetings for prayer for God's blessing on these meetings. We Philadelphians are looking for good results.

In the twenty-first ward, comprising Manayunk, Wissahickon, and Roxborough, a novel thing has just occurred which will do much to help church unity in that section of the city. The ministers of all the different churches met together in the parlors of the Fourth Reformed Church, and held a prayer-meeting, in which God's blessing was asked on each man's work. Then arrangements were made for a general exchange of pulpit for the last Sunday morning of January. Thus on that morning Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Reformed ministers will preach the evangel in each other's pulpits.

Rev. Dr. C. M. Boswell, who for more than ten years has been corresponding secretary of our City Missionary and Church Extension Society, has been elected an additional assistant corresponding secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and after much hesitation has accepted the position, and Rev. Dr. J. G. Bickerton, presiding elder of West Philadelphia District, has been chosen to take his place. This gives

Bishop Warren the unexpected duty of appointing a new presiding elder. There is no doubt but that some one can be found to take so "disagreeable" a position at the hands of Bishop Warren.

Ebenezer Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia, of which Rev. Dr. Everett D. Decker is pastor, has been singularly favored recently by splendid gifts. Early last summer the board of trustees was asked to give the privilege to John Flanagan and his four sons — J. Elliott, J. Walter, Arthur M. and Harry B. — to erect a pipe organ, and completely decorate the interior of the already handsome edifice, as a memorial to Helen M. Flanagan, wife and mother, who, on May 30 last, was called home. This work is now complete. The walls of both church and chapel have been covered with four coats of handsome painting in oil, with such tints and tones and decorations as are beautiful and restful, and a handsome and powerful Hook & Hastings pipe organ, containing about fourteen hundred pipes, has been installed. Re-opening services, in which Bishops McCabe and Foss, Presiding Elder J. G. Wilcox, and many ex-pastors, will participate, will take place during the first week in February. This church, despite its sixty years of life, and location in the down-town section, is still vigorous, with large congregations and splendid interest.

Rev. R. E. Johnson, pastor of the church in which the next session of the Philadelphia Conference is to be held, already has matters well in hand, and we may look for a most pleasant session, so far, at least, as a host can make it such.

Cookman Church, Columbia, has done remarkably well under the vigorous pastorate of Rev. J. W. Tindall. Stearns & Castor, architects, of Philadelphia, have been employed to prepare plans for their new church, so long a necessity, and it is confidently expected that ground will be broken as soon as spring opens.

One year ago Haws Avenue Church, Norristown, beside being burdened with a \$17,000 mortgage, had more than \$1,000 of floating debt. Rev. A. E. Crowell took hold of this matter with characteristic vigor, with the result that at a recent meeting every note representing this floating indebtedness was burned. And the funded debt has been gotten into such shape as to be more easily handled. This church is located in what is fast becoming the best residential section of this growing city, and its future is full of promise.

Revivals of the old-fashioned, fervent, stirring type, are being held in many Philadelphia churches. At St. Stephen's, Germantown, Rev. Dr. Babcock, pastor, about one hundred souls have been converted; at St. Luke's, Dr. F. B. Lynch, pastor, about sixty; at Tabernacle, Rev. Gladstone Holm, pastor, about twenty; and many other churches are manifesting revival interest and power.

— Christ's preparation consisted in the quiet, patient, hard-working experiences of His youth and manhood. Our preparation must be on the same lines, under the guidance of the same Spirit. How hard it is to learn that the Spirit of God works in the ordinary experiences and on the common levels of our lives and is helped by the devotion and hindered by the pride and selfishness of every day. — *Congregationalist*.

Our Kolar Industrial Mission

BISHOP W. F. OLDHAM.

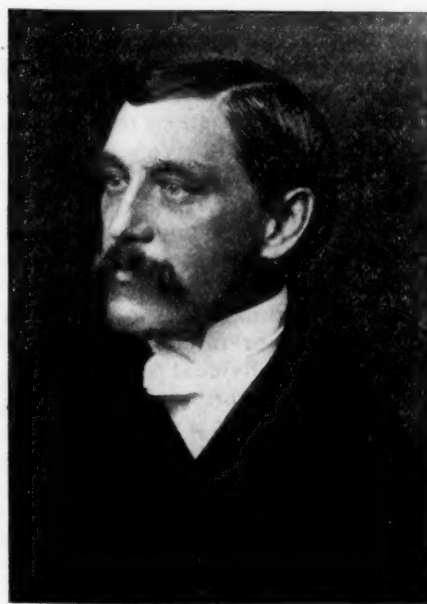
IN our Kolar Industrial Mission there are 108 boys being trained, and while their labor is not entirely non productive, many of them in their early unskilled years can contribute but little to their own support. Sixteen dollars a year added to their small earnings will make an industrial scholarship, and relieve Mr. Hollister from the constant embarrassment that is now upon him to make ends meet. I am sure there are a hundred readers of ZION'S HERALD who can add to their gifts the \$16 necessary to carry one of these lads for a year. Please forward the money to Dr. A. B. Leonard, 150 5th Avenue, New York, and tell him it is for a "Kolar Scholarship, South India." Mr. Hollister will send a picture of each giver's protégé with a brief account of his work.

Madras, India.

Reopening at Rochester, Vermont

January 3, 1906, was the day set for the re-opening of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Rochester. A glad good day it was for this people, who have labored so harmoniously and energetically for the much-desired end. The fourth quarterly conference was held on the evening of the 2d, at which a report of the repair committee was presented and other business of importance transacted, Rev. W. E. Douglass receiving a hearty and unanimous invitation to return for the third year.

In the afternoon of the 3d a large company assembled for the first service. The choir rendered special music, the Scriptures were read by Rev. J. W. Miller, prayer was offered by Dr. Cooper, and the sermon was preached by Pre-



REV. W. E. DOUGLASS

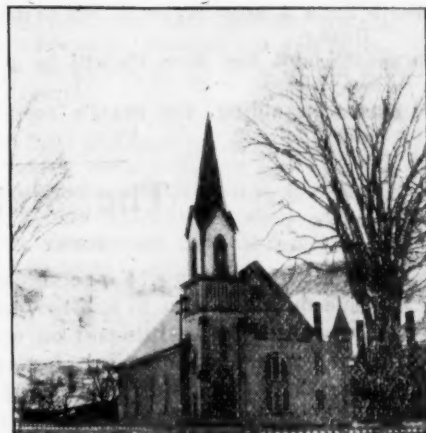
siding Elder Newton. Rev. Mr. Adams, of the Universalist Church, had a part in the service. Rev. Mr. Hildreth, pastor of the Congregational Church, was detained by serious illness. At the close of the service a reception was tendered the elder and visiting clergymen, which was followed by a bountiful supper, served by the Ladies' Aid in the enlarged dining-room.

A goodly company gathered at the evening service to listen to a good Gospel sermon from the venerable and greatly beloved Dr. A. L. Cooper, himself a native of Rochester, and a convert to Christ at the altars of this church. The citizens, irrespective of church affiliation, have learned long since to highly esteem Dr. Cooper, and gladly listened to his message. On Thursday and Friday evenings neighboring pastors preached.

It had been evident for a long time that extensive repairs would have to be made on our church. The first year and a half of the present pastorate was devoted to putting in order the

parsonage property and paying indebtedness on the same, which had remained for more than three years. In the early fall some talk was made regarding things needing to be done. Our people agreed that everything suggested was desirable. They also agreed that not half the money needed could be raised. On Sept. 16, a conference was held at which a committee, consisting of Rev. W. E. Douglass, Chas. Kinsman and Ed Morse, was elected to make repairs and improvements. Oct. 28, the first subscription was received. Jan. 3, the work was completed and paid for before the first service, with the exception of less than \$5, and the treasurer, F. A. Kezer, announced in his report that this was assured, although not actually on paper.

The work consisted of building an addition twelve feet wide to the front of the church, thus enlarging the room for social meetings and



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giving greatly needed addition to the kitchen and dining-room on the second floor. Running water was brought to the kitchen and sewer connections made. A basement was excavated and a large Munkland furnace installed. A new chimney was built, one side of the roof shingled and shingles for the other side paid for, as was also paint for the outside. The walls were beautifully frescoed and all woodwork in the interior dressed over. A new carpet was provided for the auditorium. The total expense of the repairs was \$1,023. The church now has one of the best appointed houses of worship on the district, serviceable for many years. The frescoing was paid for by Mrs. Julia Wing and Mr. Charles Martin in memory of friends. The inspiration for this work came from the son of a former pastor of the church, now a successful lawyer, who modestly requests that his name be withheld from print. If it should be written here a large number of Methodists in New England would quickly recognize it.

The pastor has given himself unsparingly to the task since its inception. His good wife said to the elder, "You would not believe me if I told you I have not seen Mr. Douglass since you were here before." But some one must have been busy to accomplish so much in so short a time. The other members of the committee heartily seconded the efforts of their chairman. Mr. Kinsman furnished the plans for the enlargement of the house and did much other valuable work. Indeed, the pastor announced that every one had done well. No undue pressure was brought upon any, but each made his freewill offering to the work. Consequently no one feels hurt, but every one is rejoicing. This is a noticeable feature of the enterprise.

Rochester Methodism has an honorable past. She has given more than her share of stalwart manhood and devoted womanhood to the world outside. Much of her best has gone from time to time to strengthen the work in other places, but much has remained. Remembering that "Methodists live by the new birth and not by birthright," she has been wise in filling the places of those sent out. Christianity is neither dead nor moribund here. If the prayers of the pastor and people are answered there will be another revival such as have kept the fires burning on the altar. And why should there not be? We will miss our great opportunity unless this people seek anew blessings from God, who is waiting to be gracious.

W. M. N.

THE FAMILY DEPARTMENT

A Hymn

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HELEN A. HAWLEY.

Why art thou downcast, and why art thou sad?
Looking to Jesus, my soul, be thou glad!
"Hitherto" helping, the Lord has stood near:
Never, then, darken thy future with fear.

Backward and forward the "Hitherto" shines;
Faith finds a promise, writ fair in the lines:
What the Lord has been He will be alway,
Constant in aiding, the heart's surest stay.

Onward, bold-fronted, in peace then abide,
Trusting the Helper, who keeps at thy side;
Leave all that worries to His gracious care,
He who walks with thee thy trials will share.

Shared thus, they lessen; the burden is light;
Joyful thou learnest, in Him is thy might;
All that can come will repeat the same strain,
"Helped hitherto" be their glad some train.

The Main Chance

MARY E. ALLBRIGHT.

"THERE he goes, now!" exclaimed one business man to another, as they stood waiting at a white post on an electric line. "Yes, you mark my words: That young fellow is bound to succeed. He is like his father, you know — always has an eye to the main chance."

I whirled about involuntarily, in time to catch a vanishing glimpse of the young man in question. He had a good figure, dressed in a well-worn gray suit. His step was quick and alert, and his good-natured face was lighted by a pair of shrewd blue eyes.

"What is the main chance, in his case?" I wondered. "Money-getting, of course. That young fellow knows how to save and how to turn a corner. He probably has a good, respectable bank account already. One of these days he'll turn out its president, perhaps, or a millionaire. Those men said he was 'bound to succeed.'"

Such were my cogitations; and although the image of that particular young man has faded from my mind like a "proof" exposed to sunlight, I have been thinking in the same line ever since.

Is money getting or saving the one thing in life, to many people? Heaven forbid! for the sake of the character-quality of the present generation. Such a ruling ambition is belittling and finally brutalizing in its effect. Remember Dickens' dreadful Pecksniffs, and their continuous lookout for the "main-chance" — as he writes it. They are only considerably exaggerated types. Their spirit, adapted to the new century, is still abroad in the land. It is the chase of greenbacks rather than the simple pursuit of happiness which is degenerating to the mind of today.

And yet, to state the case fairly, there are main chances of a higher character, which even now command a fair following. A college education is one of these, which many young people pursue, with grim determination, from the boyish or girlish start to the manly or womanly finish. It is a fair and an honorable main chance, and although the way to it may be long and rough and toilsome, those who endure to the end often find

written over the goal: "Because thou hast asked this thing, lo! I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart, . . . and I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honor!"

Literary fame and success is another thing which is rapidly gaining in attractiveness. There is surely "no end," so far in history, to the "making of many books." Articles, stories, poems, pour in upon and threaten to submerge the unhappy magazine editor with all his staff. Bright things fill the columns of all kinds of papers. Ask any bookseller as to the number of new publications received in a given time, and he will give you astounding figures. Rivalry is sharp, the standard high, and yet a very respectable proportion of the best young people nowadays are ready to make a literary career their main chance.

Beside these things which appeal to people wholesale or in classes, there are any number of individual fads or hobbies — worthy or unworthy desiderata. One university student is putting the best of his time and powers into athletics; another is after the valedictory. One young lady is bound to be an artistically dressed, unblemished beauty, at all costs and hazards, to the end that she may marry well, and be happy ever after; a lady friend of hers covets most of all an M. D. at the end of her name — which begins with plain "Mary Ellen!"

And so on — *ad libitum*. An eye to the main chance appears to be absolutely indispensable to any appreciable getting on in the world. It is the conclusion of experience that scattering blows never drove a nail home.

All this is undoubtedly true; and yet in it all there is a big residuum of selfishness. Suppose we possess an ideal of a better and higher life; some thought of benevolence or love for the troubled world around us. Suppose we belong to Jesus Christ, and wish to live and do as He did. Then we must surely give up any absorbing or dominating purpose, and be ready for this thing or that, as He shall appoint. There can be no "main chance" for us!

But are we sure this is true? There are

three men of unusual personality who have recently charmed and inspired the Christian people of some of our Eastern towns and cities. They are at their best as to age and mental and physical powers — full of force and fibre. Each is bound up heart and soul in his own particular work. One has found his main chance on the deep seas, and along the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador; another his on the desert sands of Arabia; and the third has discovered his among the mountains of Kentucky. Each of these great-souled disciples of the Master has an eye to the main chance, as he sees it, and is doing his best, by eloquent and convincing appeals, to turn the eyes of the world in the same direction.

These are only three out of an army of men and women who are living strong, purposeful, loyal lives. It is such living, with a definite aim, whatever God shows the true one for each of us to be, which is the nearest like that of our Great Leader, whose one uplifting passion was to do the will of Him who sent Him, and to finish His work.

Dorchester, Mass.

THE CLUB THAT MOTHER JOINED

"WHAT do you think Mrs. Whitesides said about mother a few minutes ago?" said Belle, dropping into a chair to laugh. "She said, 'Belle Morton, your mother is the most pizen neat house-keeper in this town.' How is that for a compliment? I told her she'd think you were pizen neat if she had to take down six pieces of the washing and rehang them on a windy day as I had to this morning. Ugh! I can feel the wet things flapping around my head yet."

"I might get worse compliments," said Mrs. Morton with a smile.

"The last lecturer we had said women are slaves to system, mother. She talked so beautifully about having a soul above the common, everyday affairs that it would have done you good to hear her. After all, what difference does it make whether the washing is done on Monday or Saturday?"

"All the difference in the world, and when you keep house for yourself you will find that out, Belle."

"All the same I wish you would dress up more, mamma," put in Anna, the eldest daughter. "Mrs. Clay is ten years older than you, but she dresses so stylishly that she attracts attention wherever she goes. Belle and I would willingly do more of the work if you would only take more time for higher things. John was wishing for a little help with his lessons the other day, but you were too busy making cookies to help him."

"I notice that my cookies are never wasted," said Mrs. Morton. "If people enjoy belonging to clubs and societies and wearing fine clothes I am glad they do, but I am old-fashioned enough to enjoy housekeeping and visiting among my friends. John gets all the help that is good for him in his lessons."

"If you'd once belong to a club, mother, you would like the work very much," said Belle, encouragingly.

"Yes, I have no doubt," said Mrs. Morton absently, and then brightened as she folded her work. "I'm going right on

to make a gingerbread for tea," she announced. "You children all like warm gingerbread and apple sauce."

She laid aside her work and presently from the big, tidy kitchen came sounds of quick beating in the yellow bowl and snatches of a favorite hymn. "Isn't that just like mother?" laughed Anna. "I do believe she thinks she's happier than if she belonged to the best club in the world."

"Dick Trent's mother was out to the game this afternoon," said John, helping himself liberally to the fragrant cake at the tea table, "and she was as much excited as the girls. Why don't you come some day, mother?"

"I think football is rough and brutal as you boys play it," said Mrs. Morton, with decision. "I don't enjoy seeing a game where arms and legs are often broken."

"Mother is joined to her idols, John, so let her alone," said Belle, lightly. "Anna and I have been trying to persuade her to join a club and enjoy life, but she will not listen."

The very next day a wonderful thing happened, for Mrs. Morton went out to spend the afternoon with an old friend and never got home till five o'clock. Belle was putting on the kettle and Anna was setting the table when she walked in and announced: "I've joined a club."

"What club?" screamed both girls at once, while Anna dropped a plate in her excitement.

"A lady organizer was at Mrs. Crafts' this afternoon and she reorganized the old 'Don't Worry Club' that flourished some years ago," said Mrs. Morton, finding it hard not to say anything over the loss of her cherished plate. "I really believe I'm going to enjoy it just as you predicted. Don't look so grieved over the plate, Anna. There are other dishes in the stores."

"Wonders will never cease!" said Belle in awe when her mother went into her bedroom to take off her best hat. "I wonder who ever induced mother to do such a reckless thing?"

"What a blissful thing it is not to have mother look significantly at the things you don't pick up and put in their places," sighed John, a few days later, kicking off his slippers in the sitting-room and elevating his feet to the lounge. "Actually I feel that we all ought to join the 'Don't Worry Club' for what it has done for us."

"Take your feet down at once and get those shoes out of here!" commanded Anna, sharply. "Nell Banks and that stylish cousin of hers are coming up the walk and this room is a sight to behold."

"Take them into the parlor," retorted John, making no effort to move.

"Mother is taking a nap in there with her oldest wrapper on. Quick! There is the bell now!"

John was indignantly hustled out of the room, but left one shoe behind in his haste. Belle swept as much of the disorder as possible under the lounge cover and lowered the shades, while her sister admitted the guests. As soon as the callers left both girls set to work to put the room to rights, but neither was in the best humor possible.

"I'm going for a walk, girls," said their mother, looking in before the task was completed. "If I am not back in time, get anything you want for tea. I must see about some new clothes and take a long walk in the pure air. That is one of the duties of our club members. The lecturer said the way to keep our spirits tranquil was to spend as much time as possible in the air, and I want to profit by her instructions. Don't go to any trouble with the cooking. Something simple is best for mind and body."

"We've had nothing much but bread and butter and fruit for a week," said

Anna, looking over the supplies in the pantry. "I'm starved for something hot and appetizing. If you'll run to the market for chops, I'll bake some muffins, Belle."

"Indeed I will," said her sister, putting on her hat. "It sounds all very well to talk about living close to nature, but somehow a hearty meal tastes good just the same."

It is one thing to go into a well ordered kitchen and devote one's whole energy to a certain dish, and quite another to be responsible for the entire meal, as Anna speedily found out. System had been thrown to the winds, and the stove was red-hot before all the ingredients had been gathered from cellar, pantry and kitchen cupboard for the muffins and creamed potatoes. John came in hungry and cross over a defeat at the ball park and growled out his opinion of two girls "who couldn't get a decent bite short of a whole day's cooking," so it was not a pleasant evening.

"I am afraid the chop is too badly burned for you to eat," said Anna, when her mother strolled in to find supper half over. "I thought you must have stayed at Aunt Ida's and didn't save you anything."

"That doesn't make any difference," said Mrs. Morton, placidly. "I did stop to see Auntie for a few minutes, but the baby was crying, and she seemed actually provoked when I urged her to put aside her cares and go with me for a walk. I urged her to join our club; but when I remember how prejudiced I was, I am not surprised that housekeepers refuse to belong. If they could only realize what it means to have one's soul above drudgery they would be anxious to join, but I suppose we must move slowly at first."

"Would you mind dusting the parlor this morning?" asked Anna, after her mother had been a member of the "Don't Worry Club" a few months. "I really don't believe I will have time to do it, mamma."

"If I find time I shall be glad to do it," said Mrs. Morton. "It doesn't make any difference, though, whether it is dusted or not. You are getting little anxious puckers between your eyes, Belle, that ought not to be there. You should think only of beautiful and restful things."

"I don't know what this family would do if I followed that advice," said Belle, repeating this conversation later to her sister in the kitchen. Anna was struggling with the washing, which was greatly increased since Mrs. Morton wore the elaborate white waists she had recently purchased. A colored woman came each week to help, but she was incompetent and had to be watched continually, so both girls had their inexperienced hands filled to overflowing.

"If mother would only stay out of the kitchen it wouldn't be so bad," said Anna, prodding the steaming clothes vigorously. "She worries me almost to pieces by advising me to let things alone and not worry."

"John, if you will hang up the clothes I'll bake a pumpkin pie for dinner," said Belle to her brother, who was lounging on the porch. "Put them up anyway, for mother will never notice them. I wonder if Mrs. Whitesides still thinks she is a pizen neat housekeeper when she finds things upside down every time she happens in."

"Better lay them on the grass, son," observed Mrs. Morton from her comfortable seat on the porch. "I wonder why I ever worried about having the clothes on the line the right way when there are so many more important things in life."

"You girls must have been crazy when you urged mother to join that club," said John, bitterly, as his sister ran out for the basket. "I don't care if the shirts are

hung to the line by the sleeves. If I was not on the ragged edge of starvation I wouldn't touch the mussed things at all."

"We girls," said Anna, indignantly. "That's a nice way for you to talk after telling mother time and again about Dick's mother, and how!"

"Yes, I did," admitted John, "and I should have known better. Dick always had a starved appearance and was tickled to death when mother used to ask him here to supper. Well, all the fellows are in the same boat, if that's any consolation. Since the mothers have joined that club Fred Staunton says he wouldn't know a cookie if he saw one, and I have only the faintest memory of what gingerbread tastes like."

"John, look there!" said Anna, and her brother waved a limp skirt around his head at the joyful sight, for there at the end of the long line was Mrs. Morton with a gingham apron on, shaking out and repinning the garments to the wire in the old orderly fashion.

"A few of the mothers of this town thought their children needed a little education along certain lines," she said, as they raced to meet her, "so they got up the 'Don't Worry Club.' As soon as that valuable organization has fulfilled its mission it will cease to exist."

"Thank goodness!" said Belle, who had come out to join in the celebration. "I thought it was to be permanent, and life seemed hardly worth living. We are all ready to go back to the pizen neat days without a murmur."

"And help to make them pizen neat ourselves," said John, fervently. "My soul cannot rise higher than pumpkin pie today, in spite of the glorious news, and I don't care who knows I said so. Honestly, mother, didn't you make a mistake in the name of your club? Wasn't it work instead of worry that you lopped off?"

But Mrs. Morton only smiled the smile of a very wise woman. — HILDA RICHMOND, in *Advance*.

PENIEL

Unto Peniel every soul must come!
We all must wrestle till the break of day
Sometime, with a stern angel in the way,
Whose face turns from us and whose lips are dumb.

"Thou being, strange, inscrutable, reveal Thyself!" we cry. He answers not nor heeds,
While the night wind goes sighing in the reeds,
And the vast constellations o'er us wheel.

And then, upon a sudden, "God!" we cry,
And tremble in the arms of Him divine—
Then doubt again, if it be God or sign,
And struggle even till the morn is nigh.

In the gray dawn it comes to us—the truth:
(And we grow sudden faint, as on the thigh
The Angel touches us, for memory,
And vanishes.) The old, old sin of youth!

Peniel! We have seen Thee, God, at last,
And felt Thy withering touch upon the wrong.
So perish it! For though we wrestled long,
In loving urgency Thou didst hold us fast.

—JAMES BUCKHAM, in "A Wayside Altar."

How She Learned

"MARGARET, where have you learned the patience and the wisdom? Who taught you how to be a beautiful mother?"

They were sitting side by side before a blazing fire—the girl-mother and the girl who had not married—renewing the comradeship of school-days, with the added tenderness of a friendship that had been growing, in spite of separation, through a half-dozen years.

"I have noticed it ever since I came," Mary Coman went on. "The way you manage Brother-boy, especially. You are firm, and yet you are so fair with him. And you're different, dear. You're more loving and forgiving, more ready to see the other person's point of view."

The young mother leaned forward, and taking the miniature of a little girl from the table, laid it in Mary Coman's hands.

"She taught me all I have learned," she said, softly. "And she is teaching me every day. I love to feel that she is here yet, Mary. That is one reason we go on calling Philip 'Brother-boy,' even since he is the only one we have left. I haven't talked about it with you, Mary, except in the letters, and there was one thing that I never could write. I—I wasn't patient and wise with Eleanor. No, don't say it, I wasn't. She was the first one, you know, and she seemed to be mine, as a matter of course. I simply required sweetness and obedience from her without much thought about the model she saw in me, and you know how my temper used to get the better of me sometimes, dear."

"The very night before she was taken ill I was tired and nervous, and when she spilled a glass of milk all over my new gown, I lost control of myself completely. I think I gave her a little shake. I know I scolded—like a cross child, not like a mother. But she stood and looked up at me with big, wondering eyes, and all she said when I stopped was: 'Is munner naughty now?'"

"It wasn't saucy, she was just a baby! But she knew I was behaving as she did when I called her naughty."

"Then the next morning she was ill, and it was only one week, Mary. Such suffering all the time, and such patience and gentleness! She wanted to keep her little hand in mine, and the last night, as I was sitting there, I told her how sorry I was that I hadn't always been good and sweet—and asked her to forgive me for the times I had been cross. She was almost too weak to answer, but she patted my hand and whispered: 'El'nor knows. Munner was only tired!'"

The mother's voice broke, and the only answer that came was a long pressure of the hand. But a sweet, unconscious influence had widened by one more ripple. Another soul had felt the leading touch of that little child.—*Youth's Companion*.

A Day's Program

LIVE one day at a time. After sincerely asking God's guidance each morning, begin the day with a smile and cheerful word for all whom you meet, for there are many sad hearts to cheer. Resolve that with God's help you will do at least one act of kindness during the day which requires a sacrifice of self. Resolve to say nothing but good of any one; try to see some good in every one; the search will not be fruitless.

At night remember to thank the One to whom you owe the day's happiness.—*Christian Endeavor World*.

A Mother's Yearning

ONCE a young mother, having lost her only child, went in an aimless way to the ward of a child's hospital. There was a desire to do good in her lonely spirit, but she chiefly wanted to be where children were—to be alone with them. She might perhaps see eyes like those now closed—soft, limpid gray eyes; she might see a glint of golden hair like that which seemed to have caught the sunshine in its curls.

She laid aside her heavy bonnet and veil and walked down the long ward, pausing at the cots where faces appealed to her; suddenly a pair of little arms stretched out toward her, and an eager little voice said: "Mamma." The nurse standing beside the child tenderly trying to soothe that yearning for an absent mother which could not be controlled, nodded assent, and the desolate woman took the desolate child into her arms and laid its head upon her shoulder.

Something, perhaps no more than the hungry motherhood in her eyes, made the child fancy a resemblance to her own mother and made her long for her caress. Soon she fell gently to sleep, and was laid on her pillow in a deep, much needed slumber, after hours of painful restlessness that nothing else could quiet. Never in all her life, not even when new born children came to her, did that woman forget the voice and touch that assuaged the thirst of her heart, in the hospital ward.—*New York Evening Post*.

How to Treat the Old Folks

ONE reason why old people sometimes grow difficult and perverse and hard to live with as years increase is that they feel themselves of little use, and are afraid they are in the way. They need to be entertained. The cheery optimism of twenty-five is natural when the blood bounds in the veins, life is a pageant and you cannot count your friends; but to be gay at seventy-five is harder, for the lonesome years have found you out.

I would give the old lady or the old gentleman the brightest, cosiest room in the house, but I would not expect him or her to stay there. Nor would I be on the alert every moment to save steps for the aged father or mother. They resent the best-meant endeavors to save them from fatigue, and don't wish to be cared for as if they were children. Also, these gentle and pleasing attentions suggest their feebleness. It takes a good deal of tact to keep old and actively inclined people, who have no longer strength to be active, in a mood of contentment and tranquillity. But as we all shall, if we live so long, arrive where now they are, it is worth our while to be good to them—good and patient and jolly about it.—MRS. SANGSTER, in *Woman's Home Companion*.

Why He Wanted Tough Meat

DR. L. L. TAYLOR, the Brooklyn clergyman whose sermons are now transmitted to invalid and deaf parishioners by telephone, has an apt way of bringing out a point with an anecdote. The *New York Tribune* gives an example.

At a men's meeting he said, recently:

"Fathers ought to consider their children and look out for them more than they do. Men, do you always see to it that each little mouth gets all the steak it wants?"

"Over in Brooklyn the other day a boy entered a butcher's, and said:

"'Gimme a pound o' steak, rump or

round, and let it be good and tough."

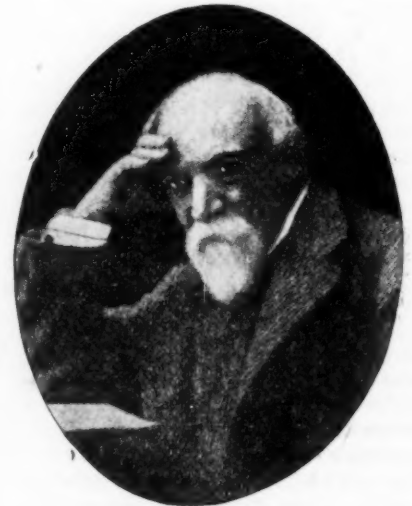
"The butcher was amused. He laughed.

"'What do you want it tough for?' he asked.

"'Cause if it's tender,' said the boy, 'father eats it all up himself, but if it's tough us children gets a whack at it.'"

DAYS WITH BROWNING

Selections by ANNIE FISHER SMITH.



1812 — ROBERT BROWNING — 1889

He at least believed in soul, was very sure of God.—*La Saeta*.

January 29

Right, promptly done, is twice right; right delayed Turns wrong.

—*The Ring and the Book*.

January 30

Knowing ourselves, our world, our task so great,
Our time so brief, 'tis clear if we refuse
The means so limited, the tools so rude
To execute our purpose, life will fleet,
And we shall fade, and leave our task undone.

—*Paracelsus*.

January 31

God smiles as He has always smiled;
Ere suns and moon could wax and wane,
Ere stars were thunderbolt, or piled
The heavens, God thought on me His child;
Ordained a life for me, arrayed
Its circumstances every one
To the minutest.

—*Johannes Agricola in Meditation*.

February 1

The years and days, the summers and the springs,
Follow each other with unwaning powers.

—*Cleon*.

February 2

I say, the acknowledgment of God in Christ
Accepted by thy reason, solves for thee
All questions in the earth and out of it,
And has so far advanced thee to be wise.

—*A Death in the Desert*.

February 3

No, when the fight begins within himself,
A man's worth something. God stoops o'er his head,
Satan looks up between his feet—both tug—
He's left, himself, in the middle: the soul wakes
And grows. Prolong that battle through his life!

—*Bishop Blougram's Apology*.

February 4

Man's work is to labor and leaven—
As best he may—earth here with heaven.

—*Pacchiarotto*.

BOYS AND GIRLS

MABEL'S DIAMOND

OLIVE A. SMITH.

Diamond got up from his rug, stretched himself with a little sigh of discontent, pawed the rug farther back under the banister, and lay down again. He wanted to go to sleep now, but it was very cold. He had heard the master say when he came to lunch that it was "the coldest day of the winter." "Winter" — that was what people called these days when it was all white out-of-doors, and he must roll himself tightly into a little black ball to keep from shivering. And it made him ache now — this winter, although he used to think it great fun.

He could remember, a long time ago, when he was a playful pup, how he and Miss Mabel used to race about the garden through that soft white stuff which left such cunning marks of his feet; how he would run until Miss Mabel was quite tired out trying to keep up with him. Then she would laughingly sink down on the porch, holding out her arms, and he would jump up, nestling close against that wide fur collar on her cloak. Those happy times were all passed now, for Miss Mabel no longer wore that cloak and the short frocks, or romped in the snow with her black curls — almost as black as his coat — blowing so prettily about her face. She seemed to have no time for those things now. The little frocks had all vanished somehow, and, instead, she wore long dresses, many of them with those great troublesome things she called "trains;" the things that were always in his way when he tried to come near her. And once — it was the bitterest memory of his life except the coming of the Angora kitten — she had scolded him for getting mixed up with the thing, and leaving muddy tracks on it. That was before he got used to them, and learned to keep a respectful distance.

And he — well, of course he had changed, too. Only that day, a caller had said to the mistress: "Why, is that the same little dog you used to have? How he has changed! He seems quite stupid, and he used to be so bright and lively." And the mistress looked sadly at him as she replied: "Yes, Diamond is getting old, poor fellow! He has rheumatism so badly, too, this cold weather."

"Rheumatism!" Perhaps that was what made his joints ache, but he didn't mind that. He didn't care about growing old, either. Neither of those things really troubled him so very much. But he was heart-broken over the idea that Miss Mabel had ceased to love him. True, she still petted him often, and tied fresh ribbons on his collar. She even took him in her arms and carried him about the house, just as she used to do. But she left him alone so much more, while she spent hours with those fellows who were always coming into the parlor. He often thought how nice it would be to slip up and nip their heels, just enough to frighten them.

And when she took that Angora kitten in her arms, and stroked and fondled it — oh, how furious the sight made him! That was what made him "stupid" and

"old." He had begun to grow old when that kitten was brought home, and he first saw Miss Mabel bury her pretty face in its white fur, and talk lovingly to it. He grinned with satisfaction as he remembered how he had taught that kitten not to trifle with him. She was such an impudent creature, always wanting to show how gracefully she could twist her little body, and toss things about in her pretty white paws. Sue had chosen his tail as the plaything that morning, when he lay by the library grate pretending to be asleep, but really watching her out of the corner of one eye, and longing to teach her a lesson. He had done it, too, although the kitten's frantic "meows" had brought Miss Mabel running to the spot, and she had rescued Snowball, as she called her, and given him a serious "talking to." He had made much show of repentance, but he had always been secretly delighted at the way he had taught that kitten to respect him.

It all came back very plainly as he curled up still more tightly on the rug and closed his eyes. But something still kept him awake. He heard the kitchen clock strike once. He raised his head to see if it was going to strike again, but it did not. Then he drew a long breath. The air in the hall was strange some way. It seemed to stifle him. He could not breathe well. He tried to remember something which happened a long time ago when the air was like that. Oh, yes, he knew now! It was when Biddy had such a time with the kitchen range. "Smoke!" That was what they called that queer stuff that strangled and smothered him so, and sent Biddy out of the kitchen with her apron over her head, screaming: "Ow, howly mither, it'll choke me, intirely!"

There had been a great confusion, and a man had climbed up on the roof, and taken some great thing out of the chimney. There must be something in the chimney again. But Biddy was not getting dinter now. And the fire was out long ago. He knew, for had he not stayed by the stove until it grew cold in the kitchen? There was no register there, and when it began to feel cold, he always trotted through the dining-room and library to his rug in the hall.

The smoke was coming thicker now. He could not breathe there any longer, but he jumped up and walked bravely toward the place from which it seemed to come. He reached the outer door of the kitchen, but he could go no further. He was strangling, but he could see down the basement stairway, and the sight was enough to strike terror to the heart of any little dog. He had seen the furnace red hot sometimes, but this was different. There were brilliant flames creeping and crackling all about the wall, and the smoke — oh, how it rolled up the short stairway! His eyes were smarting. He threw up both paws in a vain attempt to beat the nasty stuff away, then, with a sharp bark of alarm and terror, he dashed down the hall and up the stairs. Never had he run so fast, even in his puppy days. The little silver bells on his collar jingled, and he barked as loudly as he could at every jump. Now he has reached the upper hall and the smoke has followed him. He bounds toward the

door of Miss Mabel's room and — joy of all joys! — it is just as it used to be, partly open. Another bark, as loud as he can make it, and he is on the bed, jumping, pulling furiously at the clothes. But he will not cease barking until he is sure — sure that she is hurrying from the warm bed, and throwing something heavy about her shoulder. Then he stops, and hears her running through the hall toward the master's room, crying: "Fire! Fire! Papa, come quick!"

Then the poor little dog, with smarting eyes and trembling form — trembling with excitement now rather than cold — crouches among the bed-clothes, while everybody in the house is shouting and running. But he is happy, gloriously happy, for he is sure now that everything will be all right. He looks anxiously through the darkness, and sees a little white streak gliding toward the door. At the same time he hears a pensive "mew" as the streak vanishes. That miserable kitten again! She has been sleeping here in the room where he used to sleep, and now she will run downstairs and fuss around, getting in everybody's way. Just like her! She must always be into everything, no matter how much trouble she makes.

He is so worn out with fear and terror that he is almost sleepy when it begins to grow quiet downstairs. That bed is so nice and soft! He has begun to forget all about the smoke when he hears a quick footstep in the room. Then a match is struck, and he looks up to see Miss Mabel lighting the gas. She is very white, and is trembling so that the match drops from her fingers before she means to throw it down. And then — he wonders if he is dreaming — she comes toward the bed with a look in her eyes that he has never seen there before, not even when she was a little girl. She takes him in her arms, hugs him close, and kisses the big brown spots over his eyes. She seems to be almost crying, but it does not make him feel badly as it used to, for she is saying, softly: "Diamond, you precious little dog! You have saved us all, and I am going to love you better than any dog has ever been loved in this world."

The kitten came purring and clinging to her cloak, but she pushed her gently away with her foot. "Oh, yes, Snowball, you are a nice little cat, and I think a great deal of you," she said, smiling; "but you mustn't tease Diamond any more. And you, Diamond," she continued, patting him softly, "you must be friendly with Snowball. Don't get jealous because I like to play with a little white kitten. Don't imagine that I really can care for her as I care for my dear old Diamond, especially after tonight. Do you understand?"

Diamond did not understand it all, but he barked softly as he returned Miss Mabel's look of affection. Then he looked at Snowball, and for the first time he felt kindly toward the little creature, and began to think that he might even like her — in time. And from that hour Diamond began to grow young again.

Emporia, Kan.

A dog I like the best of all,
He likes to romp and play,
And always when you talk to him
He knows just what you say.

— Johnny Jones.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Lesson VI --- February 11

JESUS CALLING FISHERMEN

LUKE 5:1-11.

TIME. — Near the end of A. D. 27, or in the beginning of A. D. 28. Fully a year has passed since the events of the last lesson.

PLACE. — The western shore of the Lake (Sea) of Galilee, not far from Capernaum.

PASSAGES PARALLEL IN PART. — Matt. 4:17-25; Mark 1:14-20. The differences between the accounts of Matthew and Mark and that of Luke suggest that "some of the disciples were called more than once, and that the abandonment of their original mode of life was gradual." The narrative should also be compared with that of John 1:35-51, which it neither repeats nor contradicts. Simon (Peter), Andrew, John (probably, and possibly James also), Philip and Nathanael accompanied Jesus from Bethabara (or Bethany) beyond the Jordan into Galilee, and witnessed His miracle at Cana. Disciples (possibly the same) were with Him on his return from Jerusalem through Samaria. But these companionships were temporary. Until now none had left all to follow Him for life.

HOME READINGS. — Monday — (Feb. 5) Luke 5:1-11. Tuesday — Matt. 4:12-22. Wednesday — John 1:35-42. Thursday — John 1:43-51. Friday — Luke 9:57-62. Saturday — John 10:19-30. Sunday — Matt. 19:23-30.

GOLDEN TEXT. — "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children." — Eph. 5:1.

The thing upon which special emphasis should be laid in this Golden Text is the spirit in which we should be followers of God — "as dear children." The child that loves its parents is cheerfully and altogether guided by them. The boy looks to the father as his model, the girl to the mother as her ideal. They obey them without doubting; they follow them without questioning. Their manners are patterned after the parental habits, and their ideals are those of the father and mother. It is in this simple but thorough sense that we ought to be followers of God. We should love God so entirely, and trust Him so perfectly, that we should obey Him with gladness and follow His leadings without hesitation or fear. But we should develop the sentiments and convictions and standards of our lives in harmony with the character of our Heavenly Father. Just as children growing up wholly under the influence of good parents show forth the same disposition, so should we as the children of God have the divine disposition. This was the root of Paul's thought in connection with this text, for he says just before it: "Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." That is to have the mind that was in Christ Jesus, and that is to follow God in the deepest dispositions and qualities of the soul. It is this inner conformity of the soul to the nature of God that is the essential thing in following Him. We must be like God and then we will do like God. And the doing will be the evidence that we are the children of God. Jesus said: "Do good to them that hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven."

The Meaning Made Plain

I. *Teaching by Word* (Verses 1-3). — 1. And. — "Now." As the people ["while the multitude"] pressed upon him. — Eagerness to hear, eagerness to be healed, and a general and natural curiosity, made the crowds constantly increase. Compare Luke 4:42; 5:19; 6:19; 8:19, 40; 11:29; 12:1; 19:3; 21:38. To hear ["and heard"]. — The Greek does not imply that they had come for the special purpose of hearing. The word of God — not rabbinical learning. He stood ["was standing"] by the lake of Gennesaret. — "The most sacred sheet of water that this earth contains;" called also the Sea of Galilee, from the province in which it lay, and the Sea of Tiberias, from the principal town on its shore. Its Old Testament name is Chinneroth. It is about six miles wide and fourteen miles long. In our Lord's day Galilee was thickly populated, and the lake was alive with boats. "Fishing in the lake has now almost ceased. The Arabs dislike the water" (Plummer).

2. And saw. — "And he saw." Two ships ["boats"] standing by the lake. — Fishing smacks without decks, made to be propelled by both sails and oars, drawn up on the shore or close to the beach. The fishermen were ["had"] gone out of them, and were washing their nets. — Having been used on the previous night, their nets (or seines; see below) were thick with fish scales and weeds. Their poor success on the previous night had determined them not to go out that day. That the unpretentiousness of Jesus put men at their ease is shown by Peter's cleansing of the nets while Jesus uttered "the word of God" — a priceless descriptive touch.

The accounts of the call of the four disciples given by Matthew (4:18) and Mark (1:16) seem to imply that when they were called Jesus was walking alone. We know hardly enough of the circumstances to attempt a close harmony in the details, but the points of difference are not of great importance. The crowd and their eagerness to hear the Gospel serve in the narrative to explain the need of disciples. Peter comes to the front in Luke, and the other three named in Mark — James, John, and Andrew — retire into the shade, Andrew not being even mentioned. This seems natural. When Luke wrote, interest gathered mainly about Peter; Christian people wanted to be told about him, especially about how he came to be a disciple (Bruce).

3. He entered into one of the ships ["boats"]. — No pampered scribe or luxurious ecclesiastic is here described. There is no hint of any deferential helping aboard. A sinewy young man, bred in the open air, and familiar with water as with land, we are to think of Him leaping into the boat, to be dragged by Simon and Andrew across the sloping strand. Which was Simon's. — Simon had first met Jesus near Bethabara (John 1:42). He was "from Bethsaida," but now lived in or near to Capernaum; he was probably, like many of the Galilean fishermen, an exporter of fish, dried or otherwise preserved. Prayed him — "asked him." That he would thrust out ["to put out"] a little from the land. — Far enough from the crowd to give the speaker command over them. Compare similar conduct on a later day (Matt. 13:2; Mark 4:1). He sat down and taught the people ["multitudes"] — Jesus did not deliver orations, but taught. From Peter's ship ["boat"] he "threw the net of the gospel over his hearers."

II. *Teaching by Work* (Verses 4-11). —

4. He said unto Simon. — As the owner of the boat. Launch out ["Put out"] into the deep. — Sail away from the shore.

Let down your nets for a draught. — The nets were sheets of netting, set with corks on their upper edge to float and weights on their lower edge to sink. They were run like a wall in the water between two boats before and around the fish.

5. Master. — The word here does not, as often, mean "teacher," but is a colloquial, half familiar recognition of authority not altogether unlike the American "boss." It is a Greek term for Gentile readers; Luke never uses Rabbi. Peter first shows Jesus the apparent unreasonableness of His command. We have [omit "have"] toiled all the [omit "the"] night and have taken ["took"] nothing. — "It was day, and in deep water; fish were caught at night, and near shore." He then exemplifies the completeness of his own faith or at least of his obedience. Nevertheless ["but"] at thy word I will let down the net ["nets"]. — The meaning is *relying* on thy word.

6, 7. Their net break ["their nets were breaking"]. — "The break had begun when the help from the other boat prevented further mischief, but then both boats were overloaded" (De Wette). The density of the shoals of fish in the Lake of Galilee can scarcely be conceived by those who have not seen them. They swim in great masses. It is foolish to ask whether Jesus by supernatural wisdom knew the fish were there, or whether by supernatural power He brought them there. This miracle, like all others wrought by our Lord, is chiefly useful when interpreted as a parable. The toilers, the net, the boat, the waters, are those which were useless the night before; why, then, can the fishermen now catch more than they can handle? Because Jesus is now in the vessel as director. But "Peter has to work as hard in hauling up the net, has to be as careful in managing his boat, as though Jesus were not on his boat." They beckoned unto their partners which were [omit "which were"] in the other ship ["boat"], that they should come and help them. — Too far away to speak, or awestruck, or "accustomed as fishermen to communicate by signs to preserve stillness." We are in company here with ordinary men, such men as make the rank and file of our toilers today. While Jesus was talking, Peter, without intentional disrespect, had mended his nets, and now, facing this astounding miracle, he and his fellow workers follow their lifelong habits, and first turn to save the fish.

8. But even while thus submitting to the despotic rule of work Simon Peter recognized the divinity of his Master. He fell down at Jesus' knees. — In "unfeigned humiliation." Saying. — The other disciples, with emotions perhaps as deep, were silent. Depart from me. — He felt unfit to be near such a Being. But he did not really want to part company. His words tally with those of the centurion (Matt. 8:8), not with those of the Gadarenes (Matt. 8:34). I am a sinful man. — We are to emphasize man as well as sinful. It was

Get Rid of Scrofula

Bunches, eruptions, inflammations, soreness of the eyelids and ears, diseases of the bones, rickets, dyspepsia, catarrh, wasting, are only some of the troubles it causes.

It is a very active evil, making havoc of the whole system.

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Eradicates it, cures all its manifestations, and builds up the whole system.

Accept no substitute.

the God in Jesus that overawed Peter. Divine power implied divine holiness; and the intolerable contrast between Jesus and himself opened Peter's eyes to "the exceeding sinfulness of sin." O Lord. — A few minutes before Peter had recognized Jesus as "Master" and obeyed Him; now he worships as well as obeys.

9, 10. **Astonished.** — "Amazed." No healing of disease or turning of water into wine could affect him like this miracle. It came home to him. He knew the Lake of Galilee and how to catch fish, and it was clear to him that no power short of the divine could have wrought this wonder. Fear not. — "Peter's sense of unworthiness was in itself a reason for courage." From henceforth thou shalt catch men. — "Take men alive." Only Simon is addressed; but his partners understood that they, too, are called. Andrew is not mentioned, but we can hardly doubt that he also was of the company. This miracle and the parable given in Matt. 13: 47 probably originated the old Christian symbol of the fish. Dr. Plummer notes that none of the apostles were called when they were idle.

11. The immediate result of the miracle was the thorough enlistment of these men as disciples of Jesus. "Even the large draught of fishes did not detain them."

Nails for the Teacher's Hammer

1. *People are still eager to hear those who speak to them the Word of God.* Not everybody, to be sure, but the majority. We say sometimes that people no longer care to hear the Word of God. It seemed so, no doubt, when John began preaching in the wilderness. But they were very soon eager to hear. There was great neglect of religious services when Jesus began preaching. But the multitudes thronged to hear Him. The fact is, the hearts of people are stirred by the Word of God always. Only let it be spoken by some one whose heart is charged with it, and who so speaks it as to make people feel that God is speaking, and they still will press upon him.

2. *The proof of faith consists in doing at God's command what has no human probability of success.* Peter and James and John pushed out into the lake and let down their nets not because they had any hope of success, but simply because Jesus commanded it. "Nevertheless at Thy word." Faith does not necessarily imply expectation. It may be nothing more than obedience, a following out of the divine directions, without seeing what can come of it. It is not necessary that we shall prophesy what will come to pass when we obey the command of God; we may simply obey and see what happens. It requires no faith to do what we feel sure will succeed. It is when we cannot see how success is possible, and yet obey, that our faith is put to the hardest test.

3. *Because we have failed does not imply that God cannot succeed.* The disciples had put in a night of fruitless labor and had come in with empty nets, having taken nothing. They were discouraged, and had no hope of anything when at their Master's word they again cast in their nets. But they were soon made to realize that their Master could succeed where they had failed. Man may fail, but God will succeed. In our spiritual labors we need to keep this in mind. Human failure may be complete, but it may be instantly followed by divine success. The empty net is the symbol of unaided human endeavor; the net full to breaking is the symbol of the divine ability.

4. *Jesus is still seeking for fishers of men.* It is evident that the leading purpose in the mind of Jesus was the final calling of the three fishermen to be His disciples. They had already been called, for they were of those first to become His disciples after His return from His temptation. Now they were to follow Him permanently and enter upon their training as apostles. So this miracle, wrought in their own occupation, He impressed them anew with the fact that His was divine, and drew them entirely away from their business and united them with Him. The miracle was a teaching parable. They were to become fishers of men, and this exam-

ple of overflowing nets was a striking suggestion of the success they would have. Let us not forget that Jesus is still seeking for fishers of men. There is no need of the church so great as men of the right kind, who will forsake all and follow Christ, and do the work of the ministry.

5. *But Christ calls every disciple to become a fisher of men.* The call of twelve men and their ordination as apostles did not mean that no others were to be preachers of Christ's gospel. In fact, He called every one to bear witness for Him and every one should feel himself commissioned to bring people into the kingdom of Christ.

6. *Duty may require not simply the abandonment of evil things, but of good things as well.* The occupation of a fisherman was a perfectly legitimate and honorable business. There was nothing evil in boats and nets. But the disciples forsook them all. After the call of Jesus came to them, the work of a fisherman would have been evil for them, and boats and nets would have been unholy. Whatever stands in the way of duty must be abandoned, even father or mother, wife or children, houses and lands.

W. H. M. S.

The first quarterly meeting of the New England Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society was held in Immanuel Church, Waltham, Jan. 9, Mrs. E. M. Taylor presiding. The opening devotions were led by Mrs. G. S. Butters, of Newton. Mrs. D. H. Morrison reported an increase in the number of subscribers to *Children's Home Missions* and to *Woman's Home Missions*, and urged that they be taken by each member of the society.

Miss A. F. Stratton, for Headquarters, Room 40, 36 Bromfield Street, reported that ministers' addresses will be sent upon application to those willing to forward their periodicals. The new text-book, "Indian and Spanish Speaking Neighbors," is 30 cents a copy. The new book, "Home Mission Readings," by Alice Guernsey, will help out many a program. Price, 25 cents. The New England Conference yearly reports of the secretary and treasurer, and leaflets relative to each month's program, may be had upon application and return postage.

Mrs. S. W. Floyd, corresponding secretary, reminded us that in a few days one-half of our fiscal year will be gone. Christmas was celebrated at the Medical Mission with a tree. There were Christmas festivities at the Immigrant Home, and a tree in detention quarters. During the past year 80,117 passengers have been brought here, of whom 62,678 were immigrants. Blessed is the memory of those women, Mrs. V. A. Cooper and Mrs. G. W. Mansfield, who with others took the first steps towards establishing the East Boston Immigrant Home. Our auxiliary membership is 1,931, Malden, with 130 members being the banner auxiliary. New auxiliaries have been established at Asbury Temple, Waltham, and at Beverly.

Mrs. W. C. Perkins asked that each church secure at least ten Mothers' Jewels with yearly dues of ten cents each, which will constitute a "band." Mrs. D. F. Barber, treasurer, reported receipts for the quarter, \$1,564.88.

Mrs. C. A. Jacobs reported that the daily clinics at the Medical Mission were entirely satisfactory and the special clinics are steadily growing, as the people have learned that the children can be treated by experts. The Settlement Work, which was begun in October, is very active. There are two mothers' meetings a week; two afternoon sewing classes for girls; two evening dressmaking classes; four boys' clubs; one afternoon and one evening singing class; two stamp saving stations. Mrs. F. B. Clark, general organizer, brought cheering news from every point of work, and assured us that the Medical Mission has a warm place in the hearts of the Home Missionary women of the West. As a result of visiting some of our Homes, she is sure that it does pay to help these little ones, although it means hard work. The noontide service was in charge of Rev. R. L. Greene.

Mrs. G. F. Durgin, 19 Cottage Street, Cambridge, requested that the names of all district and auxiliary Reading Circle secretaries and the names of all holding diplomas, be sent to her. Before the June quarterly meeting she would like the names of all those ready for graduation at that time. Our new secretary, Mrs. F. T. Pomeroy, secretary of Temperance, advised us that the first step in the introduction

A LETTER TO OUR READERS

53 COTTAGE ST., MELROSE, MASS.

DEAR SIR:

Jan. 11, 1904.

Ever since I was in the army I had more or less kidney trouble, and within the past year it became so severe and complicated that I suffered everything and was much alarmed; my strength and power were fast leaving me. I saw an advertisement of Swamp-Root, and wrote, asking for advice. I began the use of the medicine and noted a decided improvement after taking Swamp-Root only a short time.

I continued its use, and am thankful to say that I am entirely cured and strong. In order to be very sure about this, I had a doctor examine some of my water today, and he pronounced it all right and in splendid condition.

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Very truly yours,

I. C. RICHARDSON.

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of the temperance work is the appointment in each auxiliary of a temperance secretary, who shall have a few minutes in each meeting in which to present the work. In the four weeks in which she has been in office, she has learned some startling facts. One is: By a decision of Congress, only in the incorporated towns of Alaska in which there are saloons shall there be schools, and these are supported by the saloons. Voted, in favor of two petitions to Congress — one in behalf of prohibition for Indian Territory if it becomes a State, thus continuing United States treaty guarantees; the second for a bill to forbid the sale of intoxicating liquors in buildings owned or used by the U. S. Government and the grounds appertaining thereto. The supply department, through Mrs. C. H. Kennerson, has sent out new clothing to the value of \$190.96 and 424 pieces of second hand goods.

Mrs. O. H. Durrell, vice-president, presided at the afternoon session, which was opened with devotional exercises in charge of Rev. J. W. Staples. Mrs. J. M. Leonard reported having communicated with the pastors of those churches in the Conference in which there are not Home Missionary Societies as expressed in the resolutions adopted at the annual meeting. Mrs. A. S. Higgins, 97 Henry Ave., Lynn, was elected secretary of Young People's Work. Miss M. W. Perry reported that the Immigrant Home has furnished in the last six months 2,320 lodgings and 7,358 meals; fifty girls have been sent to friends. The supply barrels have helped in many exigencies. After a vocal selection by Miss Marion Isabel Neale, Rev. F. T. Pomeroy of Lynn read a paper on "Moral Degeneracy in Rural Districts," in which was shown the great need of missionary work in our own country, and even at our own doors. After the singing of the hymn, "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus," Mrs. C. M. Lamson of Auburndale, editor of *Life and Light*, spoke on "The Mission and the Motive." All present were impressed and hushed by the sweet words and spirit of the speaker. She said: "We are sent to make the kingdom come, and we should not leave our daily work for this, but it should be our daily work, for the love of Christ constraineth us." After the adoption of resolutions of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting one of profit and pleasure, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. F. T. Pomeroy.

MRS. D. W. REID, REC. SEC.

OUR BOOK TABLE

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL. By Winston Spencer Churchill, M. P. Two volumes. The Macmillan Co.: New York. Price, \$9, net.

The dedication is to "Charles Richard John Spencer Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, in all faithful friendship." The author is a son of Lord Randolph, whose brief and brilliant career he so admirably and sympathetically portrays, and whose Parliamentary laurels he seems at present likely to wear with perhaps enhanced lustre. Lord Randolph is very interesting to us on many accounts. For one thing, he fell in love with an American girl, Miss Jeannette Jerome of New York, whom he met at Cowes, when he was 24 and she 19, and to whom he proposed, and was accepted, on the third meeting. There were some hitches in the arrangements, the old Duke of Marlborough making some natural objections to such a hasty choice, and Mr. Jerome ("most Americans being proud as the devil" the author says) also getting his back up about some matters connected with the alliance. But the young man being very determined, all was settled in a few months. His whole political life, which cannot here be related, was crowded substantially into ten years, 1880 to 1890, although he was a member of Parliament in 1874. Lord Randolph became Secretary for India, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and leader of the House of Commons, all within a very short time, and would undoubtedly have done far more but for the failure of his health. He died in 1895 at the age of 46. Whoever wishes to read a capitalily told and authentic drama of the House of Commons, and to become acquainted with the inside facts of a peculiarly stirring period of English parliamentary history, will do well to lay hold of these two bulky books.

THE PRAIRIE AND THE SEA. By William A. Quayle. Jennings & Graham: Cincinnati. Price, \$2, net.

A splendidly printed, bound, and illustrated volume, containing some 230 beautiful pictures and 17 elegant essays on such topics as "The North Wind," "The Open Road," "The Passing of Autumn," "The Mountains," "When the Frogs Sing," "A Walk in Late November." It is a companion volume to "In God's Out of Doors," and, like that, shows the harvest of a quiet eye, set forth with a poetic pen. Close observation, keen love of nature, and a fruitful imagination, combine to make the book a delight and a revelation.

HALF-CENTURY MESSAGES TO PASTORS AND PEOPLE. By D. W. C. Huntington, D. D., Chancellor of Nebraska Wesleyan University. Jennings & Graham: Cincinnati. Price, \$1.

Chancellor Huntington, of Nebraska Wesleyan University, could in no way have better celebrated the close of fifty years in the ministry than by issuing this volume. The addressees (sixteen in number) are all of worth and weight, touching such topics as: "Communion with God," "Unanswered Prayers," "Christians and Money," "Some Mistakes of Young Men," "Some Causes of Ministerial Unacceptableness," and "The Religious Feelings." We call special attention to the following pungent and important deliverances, which we take from different pages: "Indiscriminate denunciation of higher criticism from the pulpit has prejudiced more people against Christian teaching, and disgusted more thinking men with ministers, than all that is called higher criticism." "We doubt if great revivals which shall awaken communities and whole countries are not awaiting a united, uncompromising and aggressive Christian movement against a soul enslaving, drunkard-making iniquity, which is more shocking to civilization and more insulting to heaven than was Amer-

ican slavery at its worst." "It would seem to be often forgotten that the Holy Spirit has as much to do with the intellectual as with the emotional in man; He enables men to see quite as much as to feel." "A state of sanctification is the Holy Spirit continually sanctifying the believer. The error here is not merely philosophical; it is intensely practical. The wrong concept sets good men and women at work seeking a work—a state instead of a Divine Person. As a result, struggle after struggle follows in efforts to hold on to a work done, instead of accepting the Eternal Doer."

NATION BUILDERS. A Story. By Edgar Mayhew Bacon and Andrew Carpenter Wheeler. Eaton & Mains: New York. Price, \$1.

By nation builders is meant the Methodist itinerants, to whose agency in putting a permanent stamp on the character of these States the author gives a very high place. He says: "As a molding and governing influence, working for righteousness in state as well as in church, Methodism stands, historically, in the very first rank." "To Theodore Roosevelt alone among authors of general works relating to American history we may give the credit for recognition of the work of the Methodist itinerants as pioneers of the republic." "They laid broad the foundations of the social order in regions where without them all would have been anarchy. As Americans, whatever creed we profess, we must honor among our greatest and best, those grand Americans of the earlier days—the pioneer preachers of Methodism." The principal author of this "story," which is not a story in the usual sense, is not himself a Methodist, but he has done very well in sketching the exploits of Asbury, Coke, Bascom, Lee, Bangs, Cartwright, and the rest, who did such heroic work in the earlier days. There is nothing new in the book; but it brings afresh to the great multitudes who are ignorant on the subject, especially to our young people, these ancient narratives, it will have accomplished an important service. There is not a scrap of index, and only the barest table of contents—a serious omission.

THE EARNEST EXPECTATION. By Isaac Crook, D. D., LL. D. Jennings & Graham: Cincinnati. Price, 50 cents.

The final volume of the second series of the Methodist Pulpit. It is, like many of its predecessors, rather disappointing, i. e., if one opened it with high anticipations, or expecting to find discourses of unusual merit, strong in thought and beautiful in expression. Only a few of the books have been thus distinguished, and these usually only in a few sermons. One's conclusion, from reading the two series, and especially from this second one, must be that if they are the best which the Methodist Pulpit can produce, that pulpit does not stand so high as it should, especially from a literary point of view. It is very noticeable that many discourses which can be listened to with a fair degree of comfort, especially if one likes the preacher and he has a good delivery, when they stare at you in cold print and are subjected to a somewhat critical consideration, have to be marked pretty low in the scale of excellence; they were not addressed to the head so much as to the heart, and were not intended to be read. Whitefield's will not stand this test; and so with most others.

THE GIFT THAT ABIDES. By George W. McCalla. Published by the Author: Philadelphia. Price, 50 cents.

A delightful setting forth of some important truths which have special bearing on the deeper phases of religious living. The main thought is that the gift of the Holy Spirit abides, that we must constantly hearken to His voice, and that we may

know it when it comes. The author admits there is some danger of mistaking our own spirit's promptings for those of the Divine Spirit, and does not seem to us to guard this point quite sufficiently; for there is an immense amount of fanaticism in the world claiming great things for itself without warrant. But the teaching in these pages, as a whole, is very sweet and sensible, many precious things being brought out for the comfort and profit of the believer, which he will do well to think long about. There is too little of such writing.

THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES. THE BOOK OF DANIEL. THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK. THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE. THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS. THE BOOK OF REVELATION. Edited by James Moffatt, D. D. A. C. Armstrong & Son: New York. Price, 25 cents, net.

This series of little books contains, besides the text, printed in red, suitable quotations in prose and poetry selected from a wide range of authors, and designed to illustrate the Scripture. They are very neatly gotten up, very handy for the pocket, and profitable to peruse.

THE BOYS' LIFE OF CHRIST. By William Byrd Forbush. Funk & Wagnalls Co.: New York. Price, \$1.25, net.

A good idea well carried out. It does not touch the theology or the philosophy of Jesus' life; but it does endeavor to show the manly, heroic, chivalric, intensely real and vigorously active qualities of Jesus in a way to appeal to boys. The treatment of the events is somewhat imaginative, founded on careful Oriental study; and though fiction, in one sense, is not introduced, remarks of the people surrounding Jesus, such as must have been the substance of the talk of the time, are brought in quite freely. An excellent thing for thoughtful and intelligent boys, especially in connection with the Sunday-school lessons for 1906.

FIRST-CENTURY CHRISTIANITY IN TWENTIETH CENTURY CONDITIONS. By Rev. E. F. Baughard. Published by the Author: 63 Auburn St., Paterson, N. J. Price, 30 cents.

The author believes that "Protestantism, as today organized and directed, has about fulfilled its mission to the world; and the natural successor of loosely organized individualistic Protestantism is a highly organized and Christianized fraternalism." The book describes such a system, which unites the features of the lodge and the mutual benefit order with those of the ordinary church. There should be, he thinks, sick benefits, old-age benefits, death benefits, and emergency benefits; also church doctors, lawyers, nurses, and dentists, whose services could be supplied to the poorer members of the brotherhood. Funds for all this are to be provided by a titling arrangement. Of course the practical difficulty in the scheme is that so insignificant a portion of the church are sufficiently unselfish to give one-tenth of their income to the church or the Lord's special work in any shape. This difficulty the author, so far as we have noticed, does not touch, but it is one that negatives all his plan. If he could arrange some scheme to make the church members really Christians, everything would be possible.

THE WONDERFUL STORY OF OLD BOYS AND GIRLS. By Edward S. Ellis, A. M. The M. W. Hazen Co.: New York. Price, \$1.25.

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WAR INCONSISTENT WITH THE RELIGION OF JESUS CHRIST. By David Low Dodge. Published for the International Union by Ginn & Co., Boston. Price, 50 cents, net.

To David Low Dodge of New York belongs the high honor of having written the first pamphlets published in America directed expressly against the war system of nations, and of having founded the first peace society ever organized in America or in the world. His first pamphlet, "The Mediator's Kingdom not of this World," was published in 1809. His second and more important pamphlet, "War Inconsistent with the Religion of Jesus Christ," was prepared for the press in 1812. In August, 1815, the New York Peace Society, the first in the world, was organized, with Mr. Dodge as its president. This was four months before the organization of the Massachusetts Peace Society, and nearly a year before that of the English Peace Society, the first in Europe. The present volume contains both of Mr. Dodge's famous old pamphlets, with an introduction by Edwin D. Mead, telling the story of his remarkable life and reviewing his pioneering work in the peace cause. The pre eminent historical interest attaching to his pamphlets would alone justify their republication at this time, when the ideas for which he so courageously stood are at last winning the general recognition of thoughtful men. But their intrinsic power and worth are also great. In his central thought and purpose, in his reliance upon the Christian principle, the New York merchant was a Tolstoi a hundred years before his time.

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Magazines

—The *Bibliotheca Sacra*, a religious and sociological quarterly edited by Prof. G. Frederick Wright, of Oberlin, has nine solid articles in its January number. Among the topics treated are: "Balaam," "Religion among the Chinese," "The Growth of Democracy," "Saint Patrick," and "The Historical Development of English Prose." (Bibliotheca Sacra Co.: Oberlin, Ohio.)

—The *Chautauquan* for January continues its exposition of China, being occupied mainly with thoroughly illustrated articles by Hurlan P. Beach and Mary Porter Gamewell. (Chautauqua Press: Chautauqua, N. Y.)

—The *Records of the Past*, edited by Prof. G. Frederick Wright, D. D., LL. D., of Oberlin, treats in its December number: "Cliff Dwellings of Northern Mexico," "Early Art in Egypt," "Prehistoric Mandan Remains in North Dakota," and "The Language of the Massachusetts Indians." The last is by Dr. E. E. Hale—quite brief, but very interesting. (Records of the Past Exploration Co.: Washington, D. C.)

—The *American Illustrated Magazine* for February has for a chief feature a concise and accurate summary of "The Motor Cars of 1906," and an amazing list it makes, 72 in number. Mr. Henry Kitchell Webster, under the title "The Square Deal with Children," describes the work of the Chicago Juvenile Court; and under the heading "The National Department Store," Mr. Philip Loring Allen explains the specialties in production for which the different States of the Union are famous, the national prize winners in the various lines of industry. "The Story of American Painting" and "The Mastery of the Earth" are also important, instructive articles. (Colver Publishing House: New York.)

—The February *Century* is called the mid-winter fiction number—it is also an issue of distinctive Keats interest, and a number beautiful in its color and tint pages. There will be keen interest in the first chapters of the new novel by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, "A Diplomatic Adventure." Elliott Flower, whose stories have a happy way of dealing with questions of the day, has a specially lively and timely tale in "The Bribe that Went Astray." There are half a dozen other short stories, including "The Intellectual Miss Lamb," by Florence Morse Kingsley. The problem of "Saving California's Fruit Crops" is a vital one to the whole country, and W. S. Harwood has written fully of the campaign being conducted by the California Commission of Horticulture. Charles A. Prouty, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, writes of the "President and the Railroads" from the point of view of those who favor the extension of government control over railway rates. There is a third installment of Frederick Trevor Hill's study of "Lincoln the Lawyer." (Century Co.: New York.)

—*Everybody's* for February opens with an article on the King of Spain, abundantly illustrated from photographs. Charles Edward Russell writes on the "German Railways." Thomas W. Lawson concludes his long drawn out "Frenzied Finance," with a touching account of the tragedies noted by his quick eye while he spent an hour in a Boston criminal court. He is to write on insurance matters next month, and after that take up the long promised remedy, for which all that has been written so far is only a preparation. The editors give a very clear account of the printers' strike in New York showing both sides, but making it abundantly clear that it is the long-suffering public which is plundered by these constant raids of the Labor Unions. (Ridgway-Thayer Co.: Union Square, New York.)

—*McClure's* for February has another fine article by Lincoln Steffens, very similar to the one last month on Mark Fagan. This time it is Everett Colby, a rich young man of 32, son of a prominent Essex County, N. J., who has broken from the bosses and bids fair to do good work in the line of honest government for that corruption ridden State. Ray Stannard Baker has

another strong, illuminating article about the railroad abuses. There is a side-splitting article in ridicule of the advice to parents given by some magazines, and a splendid story about a "Praying Skipper." In the editorial section are three most excellent articles on "Manufacturing Public Opinion," "Judge Not," and "An Apostle of Applied Christianity," by which is meant Washington Gladden. (S. S. McClure Co.: New York.)

—The *Contemporary Review* for January has its usual variety of excellent writing. "The Will as a Means of Prolonging Life" emphasizes the thought which has come into so much favor of late years that mental states have more to do with bodily health than used to be supposed. "Stands Ulster Where it Did," shows that the fierce, intolerant Protestantism of northern Ireland is decidedly moderating, and a nationalist feeling is growing there which will materially help the cause of Home Rule. (Leonard Scott Publication Co.: New York.)

—The January *Nineteenth Century and After* begins with a justification by D. C. Boulger of "British Distrust of Germany," and ends with an article on "The New Government," by Herbert Paul. Michael MacDonough writes clearly on "The Making of Parliament," giving details which enable an American to compare the process with the making of Congress. (Leonard Scott Publication Co.: New York.)

—The *Methodist Quarterly Review* for January contains two articles by its versatile editor, one on the "Holy Catholic Church" and one on "The Atonement," the latter being his graduation thesis when he left the theological school at Vanderbilt. The editor also in the book reviews gives much space to Dr. Curtis' "Christian Faith," which he calls "a profound, fascinating, sincere, learned, moving book." In comparing it with Dr. Sheldon's book he says, "the former has the subjectivity of Christian experience, and the latter the objectivity of Christian scholarship. Yet Dr. Curtis is a scholar, and Dr. Sheldon is, of course, a Christian." Dr. James Mudge answers the question "What is Christian Mysticism?" Bishop Hendrix writes on "The Evolution of the Methodist Hymnal." Dr. J. T. Daves, of Georgia, writing of "The Three English Versions of the Scriptures," gives good reasons for his opinion that "the American Revised Version will come to be regarded the standard translation of the Bible for the use of English speaking races." (Smith & Lamar: Nashville, Tenn.)

—The special features of the *American Monthly Review of Reviews* for February are a group of illustrated articles dealing with the recent industrial and commercial development of the Southern States—"The South's Amazing Progress," by Richard H. Edmonds; "The Development of Our Gulf Ports," by R. W. Woolley; "How Galveston Secured Protection against the Sea," by W. Watson Davis, and "The Growth of Southwest Texas," an interesting comparison between the powers and privileges of the French and the American President, by Professor Munroe Smith; a suggestive account of the practical contributions made by German science to the nation's industrial advancement, by President Pritchett, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; an appreciation of President Harper and his life work, by President John H. Finley; and a brief tribute to the late Chancellor Hill, of Georgia, by Albert Shaw. The unique work of the California Promotion Committee is described by Hamilton Wright. The editorial department, "The Progress of the World," covers the month's important developments in domestic and foreign politics. (Review of Reviews Co.: New York.)

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EPWORTH LEAGUE PAGE

Edited by Rev. G. F. Durgin.

Christian Endeavor

ON Feb. 2, the United Society of Christian Endeavor reaches the twenty-fifth anniversary of the stormy night when the young pastor of Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine, organized his young people into the movement that has belted the globe and has 67,493 local organizations in the churches of 67 countries, with a membership of more than 3,000,000. The record is one of remarkable success in this most wonderful movement in the Christian Church during the last quarter of a century. Nearly 46,000 of these societies are in the United States, and are found in 34 different denominations. The Presbyterians have 9,766 societies; four other branches of Presbyterianism have 2,187. The Disciples of Christ have 6,060. The Baptists have 3,444. In six branches of Methodism there are 3,117 societies, the Methodist Episcopal Church having 946. The organization is represented in twenty denominations in Canada. The leading mission fields have societies as follows: India, 582; China, 572; Japan, 129; Africa, 341. American "new possessions" have been reached thus: Philippine Islands, 6; Porto Rico, 5; Hawaiian Islands, 54. The wide reach of the movement is suggested by these figures, and also by such locations of societies as "United States Army," "Floating Societies," and "Public Institutions." Not the least of the good results from this movement is the inspiration that came from it for the organization of denominational young people's societies in many of the denominations. While we cannot regret that there did not come one great interdenominational organization, we can rejoice in the success and excellent results accomplished by the Christian Endeavor, and wish the United Society another quarter-century of increased efficiency, power and blessing.

There has been a good deal of complaint in some quarters because the young people do not go from their evening meeting to the preaching service. The complaint is not a new one; and no doubt it was made with full justification before the Epworth League was organized. But that does not lessen the seriousness of it. Is it not time for it to cease? But it will not cease so long as our young people withhold the most cordial kind of co-operation from the pastor. He needs the young folks, and they need him. The Sunday evening service is in a bad way in many places, largely because the young people of the League do not attend it. That service may be made one of the chief agencies of the church in the salvation of souls, and it should so be made. With the hearty support of the young people, not only in attendance but in participation in all the demands of the service, it speedily would become an instrument of great power and usefulness in the church. — *Epworth Herald*.

The truth is, that the Christian method of arriving at truth is the very highest method. It is the method that assumes the most concerning man — namely, that he is made for immediate grasp upon God; and the most concerning God — namely, that he is great enough to make Himself understood by His children. So far as the essential principles of our most important knowledge are concerned, the Christian spirit has been the finder of the path which the plodding reasoner has macadamized into a roadway.

The venture of faith by which the individual soul moves out upon God, trusting to find Him, is among the most romantic achievements of heroism. The larger the part which Christian faith gains in our consideration, the more worthy it appears. — *Dr. Frank J. McConnell*.

Rev. C. W. Blackett, Ph. D., calls attention to the following statement and submits the comments accompanying it: "A noted college president recently declared, in showing that an antithesis existed between the church and the college, that 'the college man was trained in monism, while the standpoint of the preacher was dualistic.' Is it true that Christian theology is dualistic? The term 'monism' has been variously used, and in the crude sense which identifies the physical and the mental, would of course not be acceptable to Christian theology. When the college president used the term as common to the college man of today, he must have used it in the sense that all finite things are dependent upon the will and agency of the Supreme Being. It is surely not true that the standpoint of the scholars of today is that of substance. If Christian preachers in the ardor of appeal treat sin and righteousness as forces contending for mastery, and imply a dualism in the moral development of men, it must be clearly understood that such dualism is temporal and not eternal in its character. Nothing seems to be more clearly enforced by Christian teaching than that the God who knows no sin is the one Eternal Being, and that the triumph of righteousness is the sure hope of every follower of Jesus. Was not this president in error when he said that the college man was a monist while the Christian preacher was a dualist?"

Franklin Celebrations

The Epworthians of Ashburnham celebrated the Franklin bicentenary, Wednesday evening, Jan. 17. There was a good attendance and a very interesting program. Miss Adella Jeffs gave a sketch of Franklin's life; Eugene Howard read an essay, "Franklin as a Patriot"; Miss Sparrow, "Franklin as an Ambassador"; Miss Ida Cushing, "Franklin as a Philosopher"; Rev. G. H. Hardy, "Franklin as a Philanthropist"; Rev. E. W. Lutterman spoke briefly of his life; Hazel Forgate and Ruth Clough read anecdotes of his life; Everett Baird read the speech of Franklin before the convention; Miss Ruth Baird sang, and Misses Eva and Mae Gilson gave a piano duet. The singing of "America" closed the exercises.

The First Church, Fitchburg, League had the regular service hour on Sunday evening, Jan. 14, and gave an interesting and profitable program devoted to the memory of Benjamin Franklin. Four hundred people were present, among whom were Mayor McMahon, aldermen, the superintendent and several principals of the schools. An exhibition of an original Franklin letter and some portraits, owned by Dr. S. C. Spooner, added attractions to the service. The committee in charge of this meeting were Misses Florence E. Scott and Annie E. Putnam and J. Wilder Merriam.

A Profitable Study Class

The Mission Study Class of the Maplewood Epworth League has a record of which to be proud, and has enthusiastically entered upon its second year's work. The work accomplished by the class last year received wide attention. It was started in November, 1904, under the efficient leadership of Miss Nellie E. Turkington, whose extensive knowledge and seemingly endless resources were and are a constant inspiration to the members. The meetings were held at the homes of the members, and the desire to become acquainted with the Israel

Kingdom of Japan and its interesting people was realized, because the class worked and studied, and were willing to tell others of what they had learned. They took charge of one of the meetings of the W. F. M. S., and furnished two very interesting programs for the Epworth League. At the League services the members read letters they had written to friends who were not members of the class, as though they were traveling through and writing from Japan. To preserve these, Miss Turkington made type-written copies and inserted them in a loose-leaf ledger. This book is the class' dearest treasure, as it contains not only the letters, but a list of the members, report of the secretary, and a flashlight picture of the class taken in Japanese costume at the social they gave at the end of the term. The Japanese social was highly instructive and entertaining, and by song, dialogue and costume made the little people of Japan seem very real.

PRAYER-MEETING TOPIC

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society

Sunday, February 11

REV. MATTHIAS S. KAUFMAN, D. D.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Feb. 5. The obligation to be just. Lev. 19: 15.
Feb. 6. Remembering those who have need. Deut. 26: 12-15.
Feb. 7. Our duty to the unfortunate. Isa. 1: 17.
Feb. 8. The divine direction for unrewarded generosity. Luke 14: 12-14.
Feb. 9. The fact that God has chosen. Isa. 58: 7-11.
Feb. 10. Members one of another. 1 Cor. 12: 11-13.
Feb. 11. Topic — Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society and Its Work. Matt. 25: 31-46.

The Moses of America

Our children shall behold his fame,
The kindly, earnest, brave, foreseeing man.
Sagacious, patient, dreading praise, not blame;
New birth of our new soil — the first American.

— *Louell*.

See this majestic man at his best yonder in Washington, when our national sky was blackest and perils thickest. The load which oppressed him was too heavy for a heart so tender, and he appealed for help to the divine Sympathizer. In response, God commanded him to liberate that host of His images in ebony, and by a stroke of his pen he obeyed.

Forty Years Ago

What a stupendous obligation then rested upon our wounded and bleeding and sorrowing nation! The war was over, but on our hands were four million freedmen just released from degrading slavery. How to care for such a mass of pitiable humanity and reconstruct the broken country on a Christian basis was an appalling task. In order to bear her part of this gigantic obligation our own church bravely organized the Freedmen's Aid Society. The large and splendid results achieved are ample

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3. Of this number, 284 were preparing for the gospel ministry, 641 to be physicians, and 869 teachers, while 2,906 were in the industrial schools.
4. While our Conferences contributed \$93,000 last year for this work, the students themselves gave toward their own support something more than \$88,000. Thus it appears that we are engaged in the best form of charity—helping worthy dependents to help themselves.

Spade and Plane

How to till the soil, how to attain to dexterity in the mechanical trades, means much for these sons and daughters of toil. These are practically and successfully taught in the industrial departments of our Southern schools. Clark and Clafin have graduated many who have achieved distinction as heads of other schools. From these trained, skilled workmen went a head plumber for the steam plant at the Chicago University, and to Rockefeller's estate on the Hudson.

Spoon and Needle

In our schools domestic economy receives much attention. Last year nearly 2,000 young women were learning how to transform the one-room cabin into a home.

Snowy Caps

Chief among our nurse-training institutions stands the Sarah Goodridge School at New Orleans. Highest praise is accorded to the colored graduate nurse. Southern physicians applaud her skill and deftness, her tenderness and steadiness of nerve. Beautiful service is hers.

Patriotism

This Society is a tremendous appeal to the patriotism of every true American. The race problem is a national problem. Its only solution is Christian education. We are approaching the fortieth anniversary of this Society's organization. Send to 222 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O., for program of songs, etc. Make no occasion an enthusiastic one.

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W. F. M. S. Notes



A sincere Buddhist in Japan has sent his little girl to our school, that she may grow to be a Christian. He wished to put her in Sunday-school, and inquired what formality was necessary to have her admitted.

One of our poor Japanese Christian women who died of typhoid, was visited by a missionary a few days before the end. She seemed able to accept a little of the truth, and said: "Every time I take food I say, 'Thank Christ, for this food,' I worship Him every day."

The first blind Korean girl to be taught to read with her fingers, by the missionaries, has grown to womanhood. She still studies and has made fine progress, though much of her time spent teaching the younger children how



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to read and write, and she really makes herself very valuable as a pupil teacher.

The hosts who are studying Africa will be interested to know that a full-fledged *Christian Advocate* is published at Inhambane. Please study your maps and find out where this, the youngest of our *Advocate* family, appears. In it are advertised copies of the New Testament, and other portions of Scripture, in the Shesha and the Tonga languages, and the girls in our schools there use a third. The Roman Catholic priests, who have been there far longer than our people, have not printed a page of anything.

Great preparations are being made in India for the Jubilee, and in no place will there be greater rejoicing than in Baroda, when the news arrives that the New England Branch has agreed to build the Mrs. William Butler Memorial Hospital within their borders, the money to be raised by the thank-offering for this year. Dr. F. E. Hamilton and Mrs. Hamilton spent a week at Baroda, and know, therefore, much of interest about the work in that station.

One of the ways in which the relief money sent for the sufferers in Japan is being used by our missionaries is this: A poor widow of nearly seventy years was struggling to exist with the aid of two small grandsons. Her children were dead, and she could only earn one cent a day. A dip in the public bath costs her a whole day's earnings! The missionaries furnish this luxury, and also gave some clean mats for the floor, so she comes to church on Sunday so happy and neat.

Miss Organ is returning from India, as her health was threatened by so long a stay in that trying climate. She had wished to stay till after the Jubilee, but it was decided that her health would be too seriously impaired, and her furlough had been long overdue. We hope that by returning now she may be restored quickly and return soon to her field where she has been so successful.

Miss Louise Manning Hodgkins may be induced to speak for our auxiliaries occasionally. Address her at Winter Hill, Somerville. Rev. W. W. Bruere is at East Holliston, Mass., and those especially interested in India, in the vicinity of Holliston, should invite him to speak from his long experience there. Miss Hartford will now rest till early spring, and then may be heard by our Standard Bearers, who have been especially interested in her work. Dr. Bronson and Dr. Hamilton are very kind in speaking for our work in India when their many duties are pastors of large churches permit. Dr. Bronson may be addressed at Brookline, and Dr. Hamilton at 66 Vt. Vernon St., Boston.

Miss Palacios returned to Mexico with Miss Strawn of the Philadelphia Branch recently. The many friends she has made during

her year and a half in New England will follow the work of the Puebla school with more interest because of the visit of these two sisters, so active in our Society's labors in Puebla. As you meet people who are planning a trip to Mexico, be sure to tell them to visit our schools, especially the Mary Ann Cox Memorial in Guanajuato.

Miss Kneeland will not go to Mexico at present, but is trying the fine bracing climate of Denver.

The Standard Bearers of Eastport, Maine, sent a nice box of supplies, which will go to Miss Crowell of India. They will be forwarded at the first opportunity.

Cancer Microbe Said to have been Discovered

The Cancer Germ said to have been discovered by an eastern physician caused great surprise. Heretofore this disease was supposed to be caused by a cell growth. Careful experiments are being made. Dr. Hye, the eminent Cancer Specialist, of Kansas City, Mo., is being besieged by hundreds of people suffering with this dread disease. The Doctor is curing many cases, thought to be incurable, with the combination of a Medicated Oil. Persons suffering or having friends afflicted should write for an illustrated book on the treatment of cancer, tumor, ulcer, piles, fistula, and all skin and womb diseases. Address DR. BYE, Cor 9th and Broadway, Kansas City, Mo.

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Jubilee at New London

Beginning on Sunday, Jan. 14, an eight days' festival of services was held in this church to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the edifice. The church was beautifully trimmed with red and white, the Epworth League colors, and with palms and potted plants. At the morning service, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, a large audience was present to listen to a very interesting and appropriate sermon by the pastor, Rev. W. S. MacIntire, his text being Psalm 87:5.

In the evening the 75th anniversary of the Bible School was appropriately celebrated. The superintendent, Mr. George H. Holmes, gave a detailed report of the work for three-quarters of a century. The membership is now 482. Its record has been an excellent one. The pastor gave an address on the history of the school, and the magnificent opportunity for effective service in this important field.

On Monday evening the services were under the auspices of the Epworth League, Mr. L. G. Stebbins, president, presiding. The speaker of the evening was Presiding Elder Bartholomew, whose subject was, "The All Round Man." The address was very interesting and instructive,

R. I., her subject being, "After Twenty-five Years, What?" Mrs. Everett, as usual, was instructive and optimistic. A paper was also read by Mrs. Joseph Dalton, president of the Home Mission Circle, outlining a week's life at the Watts de Peyster Home for girls. The audience room of the church was effectively decorated for the occasion by Mrs. Annie M. Adams.

A crowded assemblage filled every part of the audience-room of the church on Thursday evening to hear and enjoy the semi-centennial concert given by the chorus choir, Mrs. W. H. Cadman presiding. The program was a capital one, and included selections by the full choir, a chorus of male voices, vocal solos, cornet, trombone, piano and organ solos. It was a very successful concert from every point of view, and was greatly enjoyed by the audience. Too much credit cannot be given to the chorister,

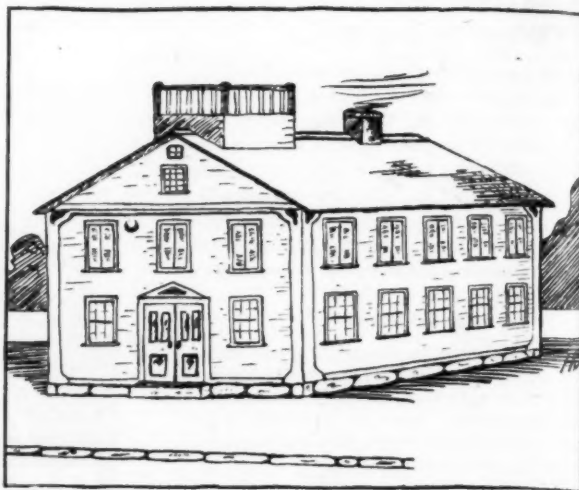
Mrs. Annie M. Adams, and the organist, Mrs. W. H. Cadman. A very well attended service on Friday evening was held under the direction of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. Charles Decker presiding. Miss Clara M. Cushman was the speaker of the evening, giving the listening audience a splendid address on the grandeur of missionary success in the foreign field.

Sunday, Jan. 21, was a great day. At 9.30 A. M., an old-fashioned love feast was held under the direction of the pastor. At 10.45, Rev. James M. Buckley, D. D., preached a clean cut, instructive, and very helpful sermon on "The Permanency of the Words of Christ." His text was Matt. 24:35. In the after

noon the Epworth League service was devoted to Missions, with addresses by Miss Mary Winchester, George Jeffres, of Providence, R. I., and Rev. Perley Tinker, pastor of Cornell Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, New York city. The great audience manifested much interest in this service, and appreciated much the able addresses. In the evening there was a platform service with addresses by Class Leader Stephen A. Prentiss, on the "Relation of the Church to the Class Meeting," and President Luther G. Stebbins on the "Relation of the Epworth League to the Church." Superintendent Geo. H. Holmes spoke on the "Work of the Sunday-school," and Dr. J. M. Buckley on "The Church, Her Work for the Community." Throughout the day large audiences greeted the speakers.

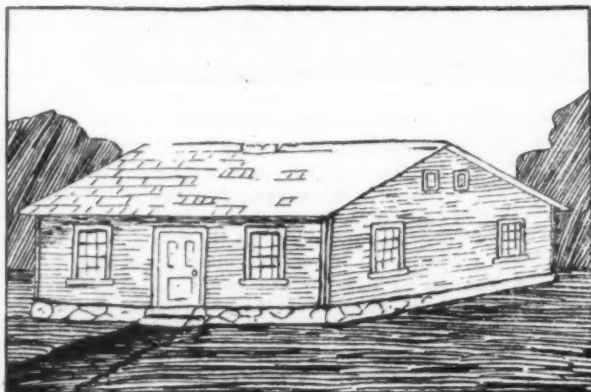
The jubilee has been a jubilee indeed, and was celebrated with much enthusiasm and rejoicing, and has been a great blessing to the people of this wide-awake church. The pastor was greatly assisted in arranging for these elaborate services by the committee, consisting of F. E. Barker, W. S. Calvert, B. B. Gardner, John H. Davey, John H. Root and C. W. Clark, as well as by Mrs. W. H. Cadman, organist, and Mrs. Annie M. Adams, chorister. The choir rendered excellent service all through the week. This church has had a remarkable

history and has done a magnificent work in winning men to God. This great work began in 1793, when the "Methodist society was formed." During the first five years the preaching services were held in the court house. On Friday, July 20, 1798, the first meeting-house was raised, and on the following Sunday it was dedicated. Jesse Lee and Bishop Asbury were present and both of them preached. In 1816 a great revival added 300 converts to the church. The first



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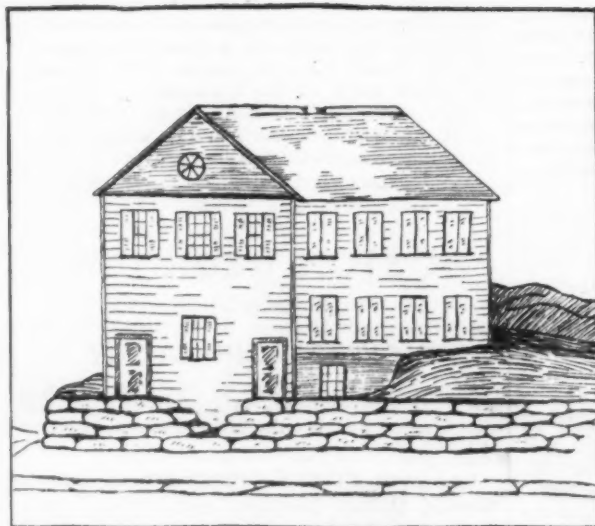
church was then too small and a new one was erected on the old site and dedicated the next year. The present edifice is the fourth one built by this church. A new parsonage costing



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and was also of great practical value. Delegations of Epworth Leaguers were present from Niantic, Noank, Mystic, Gale's Ferry and Uncasville. After the service closed, Dr. Bartholomew was tendered an informal reception.

Tuesday evening was given to a reception of church members and friends by the Union Circle, Mrs. Albert W. Rogers presiding. The vestry was filled with a happy assemblage. Music was furnished by the Imperial Orchestra. An original poem was recited by Miss Sarah Jewell Haven, entitled, "Jubilee." An inter-



THE SECOND CHURCH

esting feature of the entertainment was an address by Dr. M. S. Kaufman, of Norwich, on "Ladies' Aid Work," which was particularly well received. Refreshments were served, and a social hour was enjoyed.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society and Home Mission Circle occupied Wednesday evening with very pleasant exercises, Mrs. Stephen A. Prentiss presiding. The address was given by Mrs. T. J. Everett of Westerly,

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THE PRESENT CHURCH

\$5000 is nearly ready for occupancy. A very large number has been received into the church during the pastorate of Rev. W. S. MacIntire, who is now closing his sixth year of grand service. On Jan. 7, three were received on probation, six by certificate and six from probation. May the glorious work go on through all the coming years. X. Y. Z.

Open Channel of Power

ONE of the most successful of our younger ministers, but whose name we dare not publish, now in a most gracious revival, writes:

"I have not hedged in the slightest degree on the advanced views, but have preached steadily the Olive promise. Just because the cranks have monopolized and scandalously exaggerated that greatest of all promises so far as girding for practical work is concerned, is no excuse for the more intelligent ministers to abandon it. A dead church and pessimistic sermons are righteous penalties for the wrong. A minister never enjoys so much the 'perfect law of liberty' as when he throws the responsibility upon God, and makes himself an open channel of power."

— There are those so sharp-sighted that they can discover innumerable blemishes in the most saintly characters, while others are forever on the lookout for slights and grievances, imagining offences where none were in the least intended. What a mercy for us that Christ does not regard us critically, though He sees our every defect! It is not as though He saw it not; He overlooks in love. — J. P. Cowling.

THE CONFERENCES

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE

Concord District

Concord, First Church. — Rev. William Ramsden is happy in this pastorate, and the people are enjoying his ministrations. The attendance at the Sunday worship is large and increasing. The Christmas exercises were of the best. Mr. Ramsden was substantially remembered with a purse of money. New Year's Sunday was a great day in this church. Watch night services were held from 8 until 12. There were sermons by Mr. Ramsden, Rev. Claudius Byrne and Rev. E. C. Strout. The services closed with holy communion and a consecration service. There were 170 in attendance at 9 o'clock and over 100 at midnight. After the consecration service the entire congregation stood on the church steps and sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee." There were five denominations represented in the communion service. Two have been received into the church recently, a full supply of Hymnals has been received, special services have been held, and the work pushed in all departments. A delightful affair was the reunion and roll-call held Jan. 5, to which were invited all members and probationers of the church with their wives and husbands. A supper was served, after which the roll was called, musical numbers rendered and sparkling and helpful addresses delivered.

Preachers' Meeting. — The committee in charge of the preachers' meeting for the northern half of the district — Revs. John Watson, W. F. Ineson and W. J. Atkinson — has prepared an interesting program. The meeting will be held Feb. 5 and 6, at Lisbon, and will doubtless draw a large number. The themes to be discussed will be "The Minister and Church Finances," by Rev. Guy Roberts; "The Relation of Missions to the World's Progress," by Rev. Thos. Whiteside; "Revivals," by Rev. Henry Candler; "Our Church Benevolences," by Rev. Edgar Blake; "The Thought of a Child," by Rev. A. E. Draper; "The Crisis in the Young People's Movement," by Rev. E. C. E. Dorton; "The Negro Problem in America," by Rev. W. F. Ineson; and "Social Problems of the Hour and their Possible Solution," by Rev. Edgar Blake.

Bristol. — Our church in this place is to fall heir to over \$4,000 in money, the income to be "used for religious and charitable purposes." This sum represents one-third of the David Mason fund, which had been left to found a memorial home for the aged. As it has been found impracticable to carry out the original design, the trustees have agreed to divide the money among the three churches of the town, Methodist Episcopal, Congregational and Free Baptist. Rev. A. B. Rowell, our pastor here, is doing much faithful work in a field that presents many difficult problems. He is beloved by the people both as pastor and preacher.

Laconia. — The special services held in our churches in this city under the direction of Rev. W. A. Loyne, with Rev. W. J. Cozens to assist him, were eminently successful. At Lakeport twelve started in the new life, while twenty-three young people came to the altar in answer to the invitation at the First Church Sunday-school. Mr. Loyne speaks in the highest of terms of the work of Mr. Cozens. He calls him a splendid worker, especially strong at the altar. His dates are full up to April 20, going to First Church, Laconia, again, April 1 to 20.

North Haverhill. — The first Sunday of the year was made impressive in this church through the baptism of an infant, the reception of five members into the church from probation and one by letter, and the administration of holy communion for the first time with an

individual communion service. The people enjoyed the service very much, which is a Christmas gift to the church from Mrs. Roselle E. Gale. The work here is prosperous in the efficient hands of Rev. C. E. Eaton.

Moultonboro. — When Presiding Elder Curl visited this charge for the fourth time this year, he found the work in a most encouraging condition and the people very anxious that Rev. D. E. Burns should be returned to them for a fourth year. One new member has been received into the church recently from probation. The new Hymnal has been introduced, and the work at East Sandwich has been added to the Moultonboro appointment as an afternoon charge. The holiday season brought many kindly remembrances to Mr. Burns and his family. All bills are paid to date.

Plymouth. — One of the leading social events of the year in this community was the New Year's reception and home gathering held by the Methodist Episcopal Church, Monday evening, Jan. 15. The spacious vestries of the church were tastefully decorated and a large concourse of friends and adherents was in attendance. The guests were escorted by the ushers to the receiving party, after which, in groups about the rooms, they passed a pleasant evening. An orchestra was in attendance, a dainty lunch was served and an excellent program was carried out. The event was in every way a success. E. C. E. D.

Manchester District

West Derry, St. Luke's. — This has been a good year. At every communion service several have united, either on probation or in full connection. The Junior League, under the superintendency of the pastor's wife, has shown a marked increase. It has become necessary to grade it, and two assistants have been chosen to aid in the work. The Sunday-school has added 70 volumes to its library, and has all bills paid, with money in the treasury. The attendance and interest are above the average. The Epworth League held a successful Christmas sale, Dec. 7, which netted them \$59.50. Their devotional meetings are held Sunday evenings just before the preaching service, to which all remain. The Ladies' Aid Society has not been idle, as its treasury would prove. A \$100 note has been canceled, and the pastor is paid in full to date. The pastor held a two weeks' series of meetings, assisted by several of the brethren, which were helpful to the spiritual life of the church, and from which will come a few additions to the membership. Week night prayer-meetings often have 40 present, and the class meetings from 20 to 30. The new Hymnals were introduced the first Sunday in September, and are very satisfactory. Nearly 100 have been purchased. Through the efforts of Mrs. Thompson and Miss Hattie Young, two new Epworth organs have been secured — one the gift of the business men of the town, the other given by members of the church and congregation — at a cost of nearly \$200 with bills all paid. The Christmas concert on Sunday evening, Dec. 24, was of the highest order. The Christmas tree and concert by the younger members of the Sunday-school on Monday evening, were also a success. The pastor and wife were generously remembered with numerous individual gifts and nearly \$30 in cash. Both pastor and people are to be congratulated on the prosperous conditions now existing.

Nashua, Arlington St. — The church is in a prosperous condition. Congregations are good. A sunrise prayer-meeting was held Thanksgiving morning. The members present and the interest manifested were very encouraging to the pastor. A watch night service was held; 75 remained until the midnight hour. The program was as follows: 8, installation of officers of the Epworth League and an address by Rev. F. C. Rogers; 9, communion and reception of members; 10, sermon by Rev. C. C. Speed, of Crownhill Baptist Church; 11, a social service, conducted by Rev. L. D. Bragg; 11.55 to 12, silent prayer. The services throughout were very impressive and were an excellent preparation for the Week of Prayer. Rev. H. J. Foote is heartily supported by his people.

Enfield. — Rev. J. P. Frye, pastor. Thanksgiving and Christmas brought substantial gifts to the pastor and his wife. Union meetings are held Sunday evenings, which promise much good. Mrs. Eliza Wilbur, mother of the pastor's wife, died Dec. 30.

West Canaan. — An entertainment held some weeks ago netted over \$50. A Sunday-school concert was held Nov. 26. It was a pleasant occasion for old and young. The Sunday-school and congregations are steadily increasing in number and interest. Several have started the Christian life. The outlook is hopeful.

Antrim. — The new year opens well. Jan. 7, there were two baptisms 3 were received on probation, and 2 by letter. Sunday evening the meeting was largely attended. There are signs of spiritual refreshing. The Ladies' Aid has paid \$200 and the Epworth League \$100 on the church debt. At the fourth quarterly conference the pastor, Rev. E. S. Collier, was unanimously invited to return for the third year.

Claremont. — A memorial service for the late Rev. James Cairns, for four years pastor of this church, was held Sunday morning, Dec. 10. A very touching memoir of the beloved pastor was read by Rev. C. C. Garland. This was the second memorial service for a deceased pastor held during the year. The work and precious memories of Rev. C. U. Dunning and Rev. James Cairns remain, though in the flesh they will be seen no more. Our church is rich in the inheritance left by translated saints.

Henniker. — Rev. J. T. Trow is in labors abundant, "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." An auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. has recently been organized by Miss Mabel Hartford.

Hillsboro. — Revival meetings are in progress under the leadership of Rev. John Cairns, assisted by an able evangelist. The fields are white. May an abundant harvest be gathered in!

Personal. — Frank T. Beede, a graduate of Dartmouth in '72, son-in-law of the late Hon. L. T. Jeffs, of Hudson, Mass., who died in Hudson early in December, was a native of Hebron, N. H. His brother James, a graduate of Wesleyan in '71, died some years ago in Orange, N. J. They were both stalwart men and of marked influence in the church of God. Surely Methodism owes much to the hill towns of New Hampshire, and we cannot afford to neglect them. Mr. Jeffs, a man of great influence in his day, was from Washington, N. H.

EMERSON.

Dover District

Amesbury. — Christmas services here had enhanced interest by the singing of a chorus choir led by the versatile pastor, Rev. F. K. Gamble. New Year's night the Sunday-school had a banquet. About 150 were present. A short program, inclusive of a roll-call, to which many responded with quotations, followed. This banquet marked the completion of the first full year of Mr. Gamble's services at Amesbury. The Sunday-school reports a gain of 15 per cent. in membership, and 8 per cent. in average attendance. In the Home Department an increased enrollment of more than 40 per cent. has been secured. At the beginning of the year an Epworth League was organized. Its meetings are well attended, and it is active in advancing the temporal interests of the church. At present it is frescoing the vestry and painting its floor. New chairs are to be placed in the ladies' parlor. The new Hymnal is in use for both morning and evening services of the church. During the year also a new song-book has been provided for the Sunday-school.

Rochester. — Rev. L. R. Danforth, pastor. Sunday evening, Dec. 31, two persons were at the altar for prayers. On the first Sunday morning of 1906, Mr. Danforth baptized 4, received 3 on probation, and 2 into full membership. In the evening two more seekers were at the altar. General prosperity is apparent. At the fourth quarterly conference the return of the pastor for the fourth year was requested. A finely printed and illumined New Year letter was sent from the parsonage to the Methodist

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people of Rochester. Mr. Arthur G. Berry, of Plymouth, N. H., has recently bought the business college of this city, and he and Mrs. Berry have united with our church.

Newfields.—Special services for the three days closing the old year were duly announced here. Then during the week the pastor was called to Brookfield, Mass., for the burial of a sister, and remained away over the Sabbath. Nevertheless, the church, led by its local preacher, Mr. C. A. Pollard, of the Newfields Foundry, carried out the plan, inclusive of the Sunday services and a watch-meeting, with spiritual profit. Sunday, Jan. 7, the pastor baptized 2, received 6 on probation and by certificate. Of the probationers, one, Mr. Reuben Haworth, was 84 years old that day. Jan. 16, Dr. Sanderson held the fourth quarterly conference. Something of the earlier quarterly meeting was at hand that evening. The friends gathered, as on Tuesday night usually. A half-hour was spent in praise and prayer, then another thirty minutes in love-feast testimony. Dr. Sanderson preached forcefully a brief sermon on: "Have Faith in God." The continued service of the present supply was asked for the year that cometh.

Hedding.—It will be of interest to the many friends of Hedding Camp-ground to know that Rev. J. W. Adams is president of the board of trustees for 1906. The new secretary is H. W. Oxford, of Manchester, N. H. T. W. Lane is continued in his faithful and successful work as treasurer. George W. Copp, of Methuen, Mass., will again serve as superintendent of the ground, and C. L. Simpson, in Florida for the winter, will again have charge of the water system. The outlook for Hedding brightens steadily. The debt is now a generous notch below \$3,000. Two new bridges were built last fall. One was necessarily a wooden structure, but is very strongly built. The other is of stone and grade and will abide. Current bills were paid in 1905. This is a creditable showing. It was made possible by much faithful service for which no compensation was asked. A sample of the work is the new wooden bridge above noted. Above the lumber, which came from the Association forest growths, the cost of the bridge was \$5. A new engine and pump house for the same, with much new pipe, were among the purchases and improvements of the past year. Much commendation is due Messrs. Copp and Simpson. Mr. Lane is in labors abundant each year.

O. C.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE

Bucksport District

Bucksport.—We spent a very enjoyable day with the church at Bucksport, preaching morning and evening and addressing the Y. M. C. A., at the seminary, in the afternoon. A new financial system has been introduced in the church, from which much is expected. Some excellent improvements have been made at the seminary. New office furniture has been purchased, and the office has been moved to the room at the right of the main entrance. Recitation rooms have been enlarged, repaired and fitted with new chairs with desks, etc. One of the best offerings that could be made to the seminary, aside from endowments, would be even a \$5,000 gymnasium. Rev. T. W. Hunter has baptized 2, received 2 on probation and 5 to full membership. This is Mr. Hunter's first year on Bucksport District, but he seems very much at home and is fast gaining a good place among us.

South Orrington.—The account of improvements and reopening will appear in the HERALD, so we will simply say here that Rev. W. A. McGraw is very popular among all his people, and deservedly so. A deep revival spirit pervades the place. Rev. M. S. Preble's visit to the charge, at reopening time, was greatly enjoyed by many old parishioners. The service of Rev. F. V. Stanley, Mr. McGraw's nearest neighbor, in preaching, singing and exhorting, as also the presence of his people, was greatly appreciated.

Machias.—Between the reopening at South Orrington and the Ministerial Association we got 45 minutes at home, but the boys and girls were in school. After the association we hurried home for a coveted three hours, but alas, we were obliged to push out into the night and on for a four weeks' trip. Machias was our first point. Rev. Jos. Jackson was in the midst of Week of Prayer services. Several have started

to be Christians of late among the young. A very pleasant and encouraging quarterly conference was held. Mrs. E. H. Bryant made a good report of the Ladies' Aid Society. A Junior League society has been formed, with Miss Eva Holway as superintendent.

Cooper.—Rev. W. L. Bradeen met us at McGeorge's Crossing and we drove to Mr. Jason Doten's, in Cooper. A delightful service was held in a well-filled schoolhouse in the morning, and another in the afternoon at another point. Meanwhile Rev. W. L. Bradeen held services in Crawford and attended a funeral at Wesley. We joined forces at Alexander in the evening, the two of us having held five services in four different towns and covered nearly fifty miles of road. Mr. Bradeen is making a good place for himself in the hearts of the people on all parts of the charge. Mrs. Bradeen is proving an excellent help in holding and interesting the young people. Twelve have been received on probation, 2 by letter and 4 baptized since last report. We missed Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Blake, of Wesley, this trip, both having passed to their reward.

Jacksonville Circuit.—Twenty miles by stage and five by train brought us to Jacksonville, where we pressed Rev. E. A. Carter's little nag "Shelly" into service. What a handy place Connecticut Mills is for church services. There are only about eight or ten houses, all church-going families. One can go out at time for service and whistle or call and, in ten minutes, all are gathered in the schoolhouse, fine people all. We "put up" at Geo. Hall's. Mr. Hall took us, in a carriage, across a lake, and over a rough carry and down a winding stream to Whiting village. We held afternoon and evening services at Whiting, lodged at Clarence Dinsmore's, and were forwarded to West Lubec behind his four-year-old colt, "Goldie." Storm at West Lubec—no service. No notices out for second night, so we pushed on to Eastport, where we heard they were having salvation. We were glad we did this, for at Eastport we got word from C. W. Brown, M. D., of Orland, saying his pastor, Rev. John Palmer, was in the midst of a gracious revival at West Penobscot, and suggesting our coming to help. Bar Harbor reports some salvation. Castine also. Amen. Let the good work go on.

FRANK LESLIE.

MAINE CONFERENCE

Lewiston District

Long Island.—Revival interest continues here under the earnest labors of the pastor, Rev. Felix Powell. The Epworth League, the Sunday-school, and various departments of the church are working faithfully with the pastor, and the outlook for future usefulness is promising.

East North Yarmouth.—This charge is still supplied by Rev. W. S. Jones. His able sermons are highly spoken of. The charge has lost many members by removal in recent years.

Rumford Centre.—Rev. J. L. Pinkerton, who was transferred from the East Maine Conference, is pastor here. The charge has increased the salary \$100, and by system in its finances pays the pastor promptly each month.

Rumford Falls.—This church continues to grow. The Sunday-school is in excellent condition. The Epworth League is doing good work, and so is the Junior League. Sixty of the new Hymnals have been placed in the church. At Virginia a Sunday school is held each week, and a prayer-meeting is conducted also. It is planned to build a chapel here soon. Three hundred here have expressed their preference for the Methodist Church. Rev. G. B.

Hannaford has preached several times in the schoolhouse at Virginia, and has also supplied for the pastor in the Rumford Falls Church. Rev. George A. Martin, the pastor, continues his strong hold upon the whole community.

Naples and North Sebago.—Rev. Francis Grovenor has not found it possible to continue here through the winter. He has done excellent work for the charge, and has been very much liked. Rev. G. W. Barber will supply at North Sebago.

Intervale, N. H.—This charge is sure it has just the pastor needed in Rev. Geo. C. Andrews. On the church and parsonage \$130 have been expended. Other improvements are to be made in the spring. The Epworth League has paid \$65 toward church expenses.

North Conway.—Rev. C. L. Banghart has done excellent work, and is much liked. A large number of young people are in his congregation. A chorus choir under the direction of Mrs. Banghart renders excellent service. The Ladies' Aid has earned over \$300 since last May.

Conway.—This church is making good headway in paying its debt. So far this year \$550 have been paid, and more will be paid before spring. An indebtedness of \$450 remains. The Ladies' Aid has assisted in paying the debt. At Conway Centre, the new vestry and the painting of the church cost \$530, all of which is paid except \$75. The Ladies' Aid have helped pay for the vestry. Rev. J. H. Irvine is not satisfied with temporal improvements alone, but is praying and working faithfully for spiritual results.

N. E. SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Brockton and Vicinity.

Central Church.—Union evangelistic services of the four Methodist Episcopal Churches of Brockton began in Central Church, Jan. 8. A union watch-night service was held in this church. Jan. 7, 5 were received into full membership from probation, 2 upon probation, and 6 by letter. All departments of the church give the right of way to the special union services this month. Miss Mabel Humphrey, of Springfield, has been secured to direct the singing and to act as Gospel soloist during the month of January. Rev. J. S. Wadsworth is pastor.

South St.—Jan. 7, 1 was received into full membership and 3 were received upon probation. During the week Jan. 16, Rev. S. E. Ellis united his forces with Central Church, and there were conversions nearly every night. Full houses greeted the preachers at each night's service. The preachers were: Rev. Messrs. Ames, Brown and Coddington. Miss Humphrey very acceptably assisted in song. There were 237 present in Sunday-school early in December—the largest attendance in the history of the school. Jan. 7, the attendance jumped to 261. During 1905, 67 were received upon probation in this church.

Franklin Church.—Rev. R. M. Wilkins is bravely taking up his work again after the many weeks of illness and bereavement that have broken up his home. The Lord is blessing this church. Special services were held from



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Jan. 16, the pastor being assisted by Messrs. Ayers, Brown and Titus. An excellent interest prevailed. Sunday evening, Jan. 7, there were five seekers at the altar. Mrs. George G. Snow has sent word to the trustees of the church that she will give \$1,000 as a basis of a fund for a new pipe organ. Jan. 7, 1 was received upon probation, 2 into full membership from probation, and 1 by letter.

East Weymouth.—The Ladies' Social Circle held the annual fair recently. It was the most successful for years, netting \$305. The East Norfolk County Sunday-school Convention was held in this church, Dec. 5. Dr. John D. Pickles, the new educational secretary, was present in the evening and gave a fine address. Graduation exercises were held in the Sunday-school, Dec. 17, when a class of eighteen were given diplomas and assigned to new classes. East Weymouth is the centre of a group of churches, eleven in number, engaged in evangelistic effort. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Butler, is chairman of the group.

Pearl St.—Rev. A. E. Kirk assisted the pastor, Rev. Geo. E. Mossman, during the first week of January. The first of the year \$110, due for repairs on the church edifice, was raised.

North Easton.—Rev. P. M. Vinton is planning for special services. A class of young probationers is soon to be received into church here.

South Braintree.—Rev. A. E. Kirk is back again at his post, after an extended trip in the West and South. Mr. Kirk recently gave at the Preachers' Meeting a very interesting account of his two weeks' successful evangelistic meetings in Texas.

Cochesett.—Rev. W. B. Heath celebrated the beginning of his tenth New Year in Cochesett by receiving 9 into the church from probation and 1 by letter. All were heads of families. The annual sale of the Ladies' Aid Society netted \$185. Christmas brought a handsome purse of money to the pastor and his wife. Great unity and enterprise are manifest in the Sunday-school. This year's Christmas entertainment was unusually good.

Bridgewater.—Jan. 7, 6 were received into full membership from probation. The Christmas sale netted \$50.

Plymouth.—The Congregational, Methodist and Baptist Churches in the Centre united Jan. 1 in a series of meetings held in the Methodist church, continuing every evening during the week. The following week preaching services were held in the Church of the Pilgrimage. Beginning Sunday evening, Jan. 7, the service of song was in charge of Mrs. G. H. Rogers, an efficient leader and gifted singer. These union services were held the third week in the Baptist Church, and the fourth week in the Methodist Church again. The local pastors furnish the preaching at these services. Dec. 31, the Sunday-school hour was devoted to the graduation exercises of the primary department. Miss L. F. Morton is the superintendent of this department. Under her direction the children gave a most interesting demonstration of their Biblical training. Eleven were promoted, each receiving the gift of a Bible and a certificate. Rev. Eben Tirrell is the successful pastor of this church.

Middleboro.—Rev. O. E. Johnson, the pastor, has no evil report to bring. Jan. 7, 5 were baptized, 8 were received upon probation, and 9 into full membership. There were 127 at the communion. Some remarkable conversions have taken place here of late. Every Sunday evening is an evangelistic service. The class-meetings are enthusiastically attended. Benevolent moneys are large. Christmas brought the pastor two new \$10 gold pieces. Bereavement has come to this church in the death of Mrs. Abbie N. Woodward, the beloved wife of the recording steward. Revival services are being held during January. Jan. 9 the dedica-

tion of the George E. Keith Company new shoe shop took place. Brass bands, speeches, banquets, dancing, and a parade marked this significant mercantile event. Middleboro is booming. Middleboro Methodism is booming, too.

Stoughton.—Recently 12 have been received upon probation and 2 into full membership. Mrs. George H. Howe died, Dec. 16, a useful and beloved member. She bequeathed her organ, a fine instrument, to the parsonage. Dec. 18, Prof. Timothy Drake gave his famous stereopticon lecture on "The Passion Play." The Sunday-school has gained 35 during the year, having an average attendance of 82. Rev. E. M. Ames is the pastor. L. B. C.

Norwich District

Rockville.—Early in the Conference year the pastor, Rev. W. P. Buck, began to plan for special evangelistic services. In September Rev. J. E. Fischer, the evangelist, was engaged to assist in these services. On Nov. 8, the first meeting was held, with a good attendance and interest, which so increased that at the expiration of the time for which the evangelist was engaged, it seemed best to continue the meetings another week. Mr. Fischer preached each evening, gave an invitation, and usually followed it with an altar service, and a testimony meeting. He proved a strong and efficient preacher, a clear thinker, and an original personality. Those who attended the meetings were greatly quickened, and the church received a splendid spiritual uplift. A few backsliders were reclaimed and several persons were converted. The effect of these services is apparent in an increased attendance at the social meetings, and also in a decidedly greater freedom in prayer and testimony. On Jan. 7, 5 were received on probation, 3 into full membership, and 3 were baptized. The Christmas exercises consisted of special singing and sermon on Sunday morning and a special service at 4 o'clock by the choir and Sunday-school. On Saturday afternoon the primary department and the Cradle Roll had a Christmas party and tree, with distribution of gifts. On Christmas evening occurred the annual Sunday-school celebration, consisting of a brief entertainment and the distribution of presents from a Christmas tree lighted with electricity. The attendance was very large, and all enjoyed the occasion. The pastor is on the fourth year of a decidedly successful pastorate, the best of which is the present year.

Baltic.—A series of revival services continuing ten days began Oct. 16. The pastor, Rev. C. T. Hatch, was ably assisted by Dr. J. I. Bartholomew. On Nov. 5, 4 persons were received into the church in full membership. In the evening a large audience listened to a song service by the choir and a large chorus of young people, under the direction of the chorister, Mr. Samuel Lawton. The annual sale and supper of the Ladies' Aid Society netted a handsome profit. A string of eight horsesheds has been built by the Ladies' Aid Society, costing \$300. The Sunday-school has grown so that it is necessary to finish the vestry of the church. The Ladies' Aid Society has voted \$500 for this enterprise. The contract is let, and the work will begin at once. A watch-meeting was held, Dec. 31, which proved to be of real profit. One person was received into the church by certificate. On New Year's day the pastor made one hundred calls and left a letter and souvenir with each family in his Baltic parish, and where he could not reach families on foot he employed the United States mail. The Christmas exercises were full of interest. Mrs. Hatch was presented with a purse of \$27. The pastor was also remembered.

Versailles.—On Nov. 12, 7 persons were received into the church from probation. Jan. 7, 1 was received into the church on probation. The extension to the Tatoket mills is rapidly

approaching completion. New machinery is being added, and new tenements completed. It is hoped that first-class operatives will find better inducements than heretofore to locate here permanently. Rev. Charles T. Hatch is also the honored pastor of this church, which, together with Baltic, makes him, like St. Paul, abundant in labors.

Attawaugan.—Early in October, the pastor, Rev. J. E. Duxbury, began to hold revival prayer-meetings, aided by the preachers in the group to which he belonged. The meetings were very helpful, and two persons began the Christian life. In the first week in December Revs. O. H. Green and C. H. Van Natter were with the pastor for four days, and four more came to God. On the following Sunday Presiding Elder Bartholomew preached, and also on each of the five succeeding evenings. Rev. Messrs. Green and Van Natter again assisted, and there were new seekers each evening. It was therefore decided to hold the meetings another week. Dr. Bartholomew preached the next Sunday evening, and on three evenings of that week, and there were still more seeking Christ. During these meetings twenty-four persons came to the Saviour, several of whom were heads of families. Several backsliders were reclaimed. The good work still goes on. The people were greatly moved by the masterful and convincing preaching of the presiding elder and by the excellent and effective pulpit and altar work of Messrs. Green and Van Natter. The pastor has recently received 14 on probation, 2 into full membership, and has baptized 11. This is the most searching and powerful work that this church has experienced for many years. The third year of Mr. Duxbury's pastorate is by far the best of all.

Norwich.—At the morning service of Jan. 7 a beautiful scene was witnessed, when 24 persons were received into the church on probation, and 1 by letter from the Second Congregational Church of the city. Evangelistic work, personal and through the regular services, is being pushed, with the promise of good results. The outlook is very encouraging. At the largest Board of Trade banquet ever held in Norwich, the pastor, Dr. M. S. Kaufman, was an invited guest and invoked the Divine blessing upon the company. At Christmas the pastor and his wife were presented with a purse of golden eagles. As usual, Dr. Kaufman is making a fine record as a soul-winner.

Portland.—The group meetings held here the first week in January were very well attended and full of interest. On Sunday, Jan. 7, the audiences were large both in the morning and evening, and several young persons gave their hearts to God. Special evangelistic services were held in the Sunday-school and in the Junior Epworth League, which were fruitful of good results. In the second week of these meetings the pastor was assisted by Dr. J. I. Bartholomew and Rev. W. D. Woodward, whose sermons were inspiring and helpful. At the fourth quarterly conference the pastor, Rev. J. N. Patterson, who is deservedly popular, was asked to return for the second year by a unanimous vote. At the watch-night services the pastor preached and sixty remained to the close of the meeting. A purse of money of no small dimensions was given to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson at the Christmas festival. Mr. W. E. Fairbank, assistant superintendent of the Industrial School for Girls in Middletown, has assisted in the group meetings, as a gospel singer.

Your correspondent recently met in Portland a most interesting and venerable Christian gentleman in the person of Mr. Lovett Fiske, now in his 92d year, living with his daughter, Mrs. Dr. F. E. Potter. Mr. Fiske is somewhat deaf, but aside from that is a wonderfully well-preserved man, with a countenance fresh, full and ruddy, and a mind as clear and vigorous as you would expect in one twenty years younger. He was converted at the age of seventeen, and

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joined the church in Holliston, Mass., where he still holds his membership, and where he was a member of the board of trustees for forty years. For more than fifty years he has been a subscriber for ZION'S HERALD, and we found him with the HERALD near his chair within easy reach on this occasion. He knew well Abram D. Merrill, Bartholomew Otheman, Abel Stevens, Stephen Olin, and many of the mighty fathers in our church in earlier days. He enjoys religion very much, and is a strong connecting link between the present and the somewhat remote past. X. Y. Z.

VERMONT CONFERENCE

Montpelier District

Springfield. — For two weeks in January Rev. E. O. Thayer has held extra meetings, with an increasing attendance and deepening interest. Seven persons have been received on probation.

South Londonderry. — The roll call previously referred to was held with an attendance of over 100, and 60 persons responded. About the same number gathered around the Lord's table. Letters were read from former pastors and from the presiding elder. The Week of Prayer was observed by union services. The services were of an evangelistic nature and have been continued into the third week. Several persons have been seeking the Lord. Thus the good work goes on.

Proctorsville. — A note from the pastor, Rev. R. C. T. McKenzie, brings the unwelcome news that he is unable to occupy his pulpit, but his friends will hope he may soon be back at his accustomed work.

Montpelier. — Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Dukeshire gave a New Year reception to the parish. It was quite generally attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Six have recently been received into the church, and there is a good prospect of a class of probationers. An Epworth League study class has been organized for the study of missions. The League also gives a reception to the Barre League, the program being furnished by the students at the Seminary. Our church held a watch-night service. More than 80 persons were present and most remained through the entire service. Our church is the only church in the city that observed the Week of Prayer.

The Seminary. — The term opens with a good attendance and the best of interest on the part of teachers and pupils. Dr. Bishop is giving nearly all his time to the securing of the endowment, working at present in Montpelier, where the people are responding well. Our people — preachers and laymen — must stand by him now in this work.

Benevolences. — There is every reason why we should do better than last year on our benevolences. It will rest with the pastor to say in every instance. At least he will have to lead, but you laymen will second his efforts and see to it that his work is not in vain.

Comity Commission. — A meeting was held at Montpelier, Jan. 17. After reorganization the only business of importance was the electing of a committee to formulate plans of practical work and report to the next meeting. Baptists, Congregationalists and Methodists were represented. W. M. N.

Rochester. — The sermon preached by Rev. W.

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M. Newton on the occasion of the reopening of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Jan. 3, was strong, eloquent and masterful, full of the spirit of evangelism, and packed with inspiring thought from the opening sentence to the closing words. The impression made upon the congregation assembled and upon the members of the church in particular, will not be soon forgotten. It was a great day for Rochester Methodism, and the beginning of larger things for this church, in which the first session of the Vermont Conference was held sixty-two years ago this coming spring. In the evening, Rev. A. L. Cooper, D. D., preached a strong gospel sermon which was highly appreciated by the people of this, his native town. Special meetings have been held since the reopening, and the pastor, Rev. W. L. Douglass, has been ably assisted by neighboring brethren, and much good has been done in the Master's name. D.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Springfield District

Athol. — Rev. T. C. Cleveland is closing his fifth year with continued prosperity and substantial improvements for the charge. Recently nearly \$400 has been spent on church in repairs and improvements, all of which has been pledged. Mr. L. S. Starrett has, at the pastor's request, amended his offer, by which the church was to pay one-fourth the cost, and gives the parsonage as his own complete gift. Five new members were received in November, 7 in December, and 10 in January. One of the leading physicians of the town, with his wife, joined on probation Jan. 21. Two years ago the salary was raised from \$1,000 to \$1,200, and this

increase will be permanent. The pastor is preaching a series of morning sermons which are attracting large congregations, the number of men attending being noticeable. The pastor has done a constructive, permanent work, and the future of this church is bright with promise.

Northampton. — Under the strong and intelligent leadership of the pastor, Rev. C. E. Holmes, this church is advancing symmetrically. The Sunday school concert on Christmas eve was of the highest merit, and elicited praise from every quarter. An inspiring event was the New Year's supper for the whole church, accompanied by the annual congregational meeting. Over 200 were in attendance and amply served. A double quartet from Florence rendered most acceptable music. Following the supper came reports from the several departments of the church, which were uniformly satisfactory. The enrollment of the Sunday school is 206, average attendance for 52 Sundays, 128. The membership of Epworth League is 86, average attendance at all meetings, 60. The membership of the church is 266; of these 132

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responded at roll call. At the altar on the first Sunday morning of the new year, 32 new members were received — 9 by letter, 9 on probation, and 14 into full membership, all of which was the outcome of the normal activity of the church. This makes the total membership 284. During the Week of Prayer all the Protestant churches have united as heretofore, but a departure has been made in importing for each service a special preacher from out of town. On Thursday evening Presiding Elder Richardson preached most acceptably upon the theme, "Into the Image of Christ." After the meeting the fourth quarterly conference was held, at the close of which Rev. C. E. Holmes was requested by a unanimous and rising vote to be returned for the seventh year. Wednesday evening, the 24th, the Woman's Home Missionary Society held forth. They furnished such an attractive program that over 150 persons attended. Mrs. S. E. Bridgman gave a charming talk on Indian school work in Albuquerque, N. M. Thirty dollars were cleared for the cause.

Amherst. — The pastor and family were generously remembered at Thanksgiving and Christmas by the church and individual parishioners. After six months of preparatory work, the people began special meetings on Dec. 27, Dr. Stratton, Conference evangelist, assisting the pastor. The work began with good interest and attendance, which steadily increased during the meetings. The watch night service began at 8:30, and more than fifty remained till after midnight. Dr. Stratton has plowed deeply; his sermons have been plain and pointed, but delivered in a sympathetic and loving spirit which has reached the hearts of the people. The work surpasses anything this church has seen for ten years. Not far from fifty have requested prayers, these including backsliders. Difficulties that have stood as serious hindrances to the work of this church have been uprooted, and today with united hearts and new courage and faith pastor and people face the future. They have proven to their own complete satisfaction the truth of Evangelist Torrey's statement: "A revival can be had in any church that will pay the price." Stanley S. Rogers, cornet soloist and leader of the Massachusetts State College Band, has been engaged to play on Sunday evenings during January, February and March. The church has been most fortunate in securing for the morning services the strong quartet: George E. Cobb, tenor; Miss Ethel D. Snow, soprano; Miss Elizabeth Gilmore, alto; and Lloyd W. Chapman, bass. During the special meetings \$98 was pledged to pay a deficit in the expenses of the past years.

Chicopee. — Central Church is again bereaved. Mrs. Frances Ginn was born at Chicopee Falls, Feb. 23, 1836. She died in Chicopee, Dec. 24, 1905. Mrs. Ginn was a regular attendant at Central Church, and for many years was actively identified with the work. Poor health interfered with her activities in recent years, but her interest never abated, and she was a liberal contributor toward the cancellation of the mortgage debt last year. She will be greatly missed by the entire church, especially by her only daughter, Mrs. C. J. Wetzel, with whom she made her home. The funeral services were impressively conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. Oscar Ford. Miss Fessie Hitchcock sang "Crossing the Bar."

Chester. — Pastor and people are encouraged. All departments of the church are advancing. The long depression which has crushed this church is broken. A vigorous Home Department has been formed. C. E. DAVIS.

Lynn District

Peabody. — Thirty five seekers for the Christian life, nearly all of whom are young people, and most of whom will unite with the church, is a good record for the Conference year. Most of these came during the services in December,

in which the pastor was assisted by Miss Edith M. Waterman. Dec. 31, the Gospel Ten of Boston University inspired the church by their presence and help in the watch-night services. More than one hundred people remained through this meeting. The society house at Asbury Grove and the parsonage have been painted. One of the class-rooms and the vestry have been renovated and beautified. New Hymnals have been introduced. Jan. 18, the quarterly conference gave the presiding elder instruction, by a unanimous vote, to have the present pastor, Rev. Arthur Bonner, returned for the second year. G. F. D.

CHURCH REGISTER

HERALD CALENDAR

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Spring Conferences

New England and Vicinity

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New York	Newburgh	" 4	Cranston
New York East	Brooklyn	" 4	McCabe
Newark	Jersey City, N. J.	" 4	Hamilton
New Hampshire	Lawrence, Mass.	" 11	Hamilton
Maine	Portland	" 11	Moore
N'th'n New York	Utica	" 18	Goodsell
Vermont	Morrisville	" 18	Hamilton
Troy	Saratoga, N. Y.	" 18	Moore
East Maine	Vinal Haven	" 25	Moore

DEDICATION OF PARKMAN STREET CHURCH. — The dedication of Parkman St. Methodist Episcopal Church will take place Sunday, Feb. 4, at 2:30 in the afternoon. Bishop Goodsell will preside and preach. All friends are cordially invited to be present. J. P. C.

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CONFERENCE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY. — There will be a meeting of the Conference Temperance Society, Monday, Feb. 5, in Wesleyan Hall, directly after the Preachers' Meeting. A matter of great importance will be presented to the meeting. A full attendance is desired. JOSEPH H. TOMPSON, Pres.

The Deaconess Work

THE Commission on Deaconess Work appointed by the Board of Bishops, in accordance with the action of the last General Conference, at their meeting last July voted to "invite communications from Deaconess Institutions and the deaconesses upon such matters as in their opinion should be brought to the attention of the commission."

The undersigned were appointed a sub-committee to gather such information from the Conferences in New England. Any suggestions will be welcomed from any source, that will assist this commission "to consider and report to the next General Conference what further changes, if any, are desirable or necessary, in chapter 3, Part 4, of the Discipline, to secure the more complete unification and greater efficiency of the Deaconess Work of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

Suggestions looking towards a plan to

provide for deaconesses who are worn out or ill will be of especial value.

This public announcement is made in order to secure suggestions from every available source.

Communications on this subject may be sent to either of the undersigned.

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NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS AID SOCIETY. — The February meeting, when many items of importance are to be discussed, requires a full attendance, and the meeting will be held Tuesday, the 6th, at 2 p. m., in the Committee Room, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston.

MISS A. B. SLACK, Cor. Sec.
MRS. F. A. PATTERSON, President.

W. H. M. S. — The regular meeting of the executive board of New England Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, will be held in the Committee Room, 36 Bromfield Street, Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 10 a. m.

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Thin is the mist that from their haven hides us;
Soft hands on high are beckoning signals holding,
White arms wait patient for our heart's enfolding.

There all, and always, dwell within His keeping
Who sleepless careth, while our care is sleeping;
How can we dare to falter in our praying,
Their perfect bliss against our sorrow weighing?

—Selected.

Thayer.—Rev. Otis Ellwood Thayer was born at Mendon, Mass., Sept. 14, 1838, and completed his earthly career Dec. 3, 1905, at East Woodstock, Conn., amid the scenes of his most protracted and delightful service.

His religious life began at fifteen, when he was soundly converted. Soon after he united with our church in his native place, of which Rev. G. R. Bent was pastor. In 1858 he was licensed to preach, and in 1867 Bishop Baker ordained him a local deacon. He was received on trial in the Providence Conference in 1868 and into full connection in 1872, in a class of fourteen. In 1874 he participated in that memorable occasion when Bishop Peck ordained nineteen elders in the First Congregational Church of Brockton, the pastor of that church, Dr. Stevens, joining in the laying on of hands.

His appointments were: 1866, East Hampton; 1867-'68, Hopeville; 1869-70, East Woodstock; 1871-'73, Somers; 1874, Tolland and Square Pond; 1875-'76, Windsorville; 1877, Somers; all in the State of Connecticut. In 1878 he was located, at his own request, but afterward supplied at Somers and Square Pond, now Crystal Lake.

In the spring of 1896 he was induced to preach one Sabbath at East Woodstock, and at the urgent request of the people finally accepted the appointment, remaining, to the great delight of the whole community, nine years, making a total of eleven years' service in that place. At the Conference of 1905 he was assigned to Millville, Mass., but his health soon failing, on Sept. 23 he turned back to his former field, seeking rest in a home which he owned, occupied by Mrs. H. M. Gardner, the faithful class-leader of the little East Woodstock flock. Here he received the tenderest care, but for nine weeks was a great sufferer from heart trouble, for three weeks sleeping only in his chair. Later the physician gave him some relief in this respect, but on the morning of Sunday, Dec. 3, he was found "asleep in Jesus." During the first of this sickness he was filled with a longing to live, that he might preach Christ once more. But at last he said: "If God wills otherwise and calls me home,

"Happy if with my latest breath
I may but gasp His name,
Preach him to all and cry in death
Behold I behold the Lamb."

Mr. Thayer was a good man, of positive convictions, conscientious to a fault, always kind and gracious; an excellent preacher, of easy address, clear and thoughtful in method; in prayer carrying all into the presence of God; and always a faithful pastor.

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Both of the churches at East Woodstock held our brother in the highest esteem, of which the beautiful floral tokens contributed by the Congregational Church and their large attendance at the funeral afforded witness. It had been his gracious office to compose all differences and unite these societies in a bond of fellowship unknown before. Nor was the church at Millville, the scene of his latest labors, lacking in similar tributes of affectionate regard, for here a tender memorial service was held the Sabbath succeeding his death.

Mr. Thayer was married to Miss Abby E. Renwick, in 1860, at East Douglass, by Rev. S. Leader. Two daughters were born to them, the younger, Abby A., dying in early childhood; the elder, Mrs. Cora E. Chatterton, is now the sole survivor of the family.

The funeral was held in the East Woodstock church, Thursday, Dec. 7, and was largely attended. Dr. Bartholomew, presiding elder, was in charge, and together with Rev. Walter Elm made the remarks. Rev. Messrs. Miller, Ransom, Braley and Kugler also took part. The burial was at Mendon, where Rev. James La Velle, Mr. Thayer's successor at Millville, conducted the service. G. H. BATES.

Barrows.—Mrs. Minerva E. Barrows was born in Lempster, N. H., June 29, 1816. She was the daughter of Abner and Mary Chase, and was one of eight brothers and sisters. She passed peacefully to the "better land" from Tilton, N. H., Nov. 10, 1905.

After her death a letter was found among her papers addressed to her son-in-law, Dr. D. C. Knowles, written when she was 73 years old, which contains facts of such interest concerning herself, her family, her beloved husband, and the early days of Methodism, that I insert extracts from it here, that it may speak for itself.

"I gave my heart to Christ," she says, "at the age of fifteen. My conversion was clear, and I was a very happy convert. At the age of eighteen, I became convinced that there was a higher state of grace for me. I sought with deep earnestness and prayer and humiliation for a pure heart; and I had the evidence that the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin! Such a sense of unworthiness, and helplessness, and of God's mercy in thus giving me this evidence, was overpowering. My prayers went out for souls as never before. I was in a new world!

"At the age of twenty-three I was united in marriage to one of God's true ministers—Rev. L. D. Barrows—who was a faithful and affectionate husband. He commenced his ministry in great modesty; but those who know him will remember his wonderful success. He was foremost in all the reforms of the day. He saw as with a 'prophet's eye' the progress of the Prohibition Party, of which he was one of the first movers."

For twenty years she shared the comforts and delights of the home of her daughter and her son-in-law, Dr. D. C. Knowles, who loved her and cared for her as tenderly as though she had been his own mother.

Some three years ago, Mrs. Barrows had a fall, from the effects of which she never wholly recovered. During her long illness she endeared herself to all who visited her and ministered to her wants.

Her pastors bear glowing testimony to the loveliness of her character, the sweetness of her spirit and the inspiration she was to them in their work.

Rev. J. M. Durrell writes as follows: "I first met Mrs. Barrows when I came seeking admission as a student at Tilton Seminary, and well remember the impression made upon me by her genial face and the cordial spirit with which she greeted me at her home. The permanent attitude of her mind was that of kindness. Her rare qualities of mind and heart enabled her, through the greater part of a century, to call out what was best in those who

knew her, and, to the last days of her long life made her a blessing to all who came within the circle of her influence."

Rev. W. H. Hutchins pens this tribute: "The death of Mrs. Barrows touches us deeply. For nearly eighteen years we have known and loved her. To the pastor, she was an inspiration, an encouragement, and a great consolation. Often a short note would reach him on a Monday, telling of her prayerful interest, lest he be discouraged, or rejoicing with him in the hopes born of the previous day. The pastor's wife, too, had her intelligent sympathy."

Rev. Roscoe Sanderson, D. D., presiding elder of Dover District, says: "When first meeting Mrs. Barrows in my happy pastorate at Tilton, it seemed to me at once that I was in the presence of a sweet and saintly character. She was an 'elect lady'—a true child of God—a Christian woman, gentle of spirit, and pure of soul. Her religious experiences seemed of a quiet nature, yet they were deep and constant, like the steady flow of a strong, full stream, unfretted of rock or wind. How precious the memory of such a life!"

To the writer she was indeed a "choice spirit," one whose very presence meant "elevation, purification, sanctification." All the best steps in one's nature were drawn out in intercourse with her. How bright she was, how serene! with heaven's own light beaming from her face, and heaven's own peace dwelling dove-like in her soul. Can we ever forget the sweet communings, the "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord," we enjoyed in that sick chamber? How solicitous she was for the church, burdened for the prosperity of Zion, crying continually, "O Lord, revive Thy work." She was a true "mother in Israel," "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Two daughters survive—Mrs. Lucia Knowles, wife of Dr. D. C. Knowles, and Miss Mary M. Barrows; also one grandson, and one sister—greatly beloved—Mrs. C. S. Harrington.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Tilton, on Sunday, Nov. 12, in charge of Rev. J. M. Durrell. Appropriate music was furnished by the church choir. The bearers were Rev. G. R. Locke, Chas. W. Sherman, Prof. Harmon S. Cross, and Prof. A. R. Curl. Monday morning the body was taken to Plymouth, N. H. A brief service, in which Revs. J. M. Durrell, G. A. Henry, and E. C. E. Dorion took part, was held at the grave in Riverside Cemetery, where the precious remains were laid, there to rest, "until the day break, and the shadows flee away."

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Cobb.—Mrs. Caroline W. Cobb died in Cambridge, Mass., July 21, 1905. She was born in the town of New Gloucester, Maine, in 1815, and came to reside in Boston when she was twenty years of age, and studied nursing.

In 1838 she was married to Josiah H. Cobb, of the firm of Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, with whom

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She was converted in early life, and became a member of the old North Russell St. Church in Boston. She removed to Cambridge over a half century ago, and united with the Harvard St. Church, in whose fellowship she continued a faithful member until her death. Mrs. Cobb illustrated for many years the beauty of "the simple life." She spent little of her time or money for the so called luxuries of life. She boasted she had never spent but five cents for candy during her long life. The reading of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's famous story led her, after much deliberation, to attend a theatre and witness its performance. Something in the play disturbed her, and with her husband she left before the performance was over, never to enter a place of amusement again. Her long life was due to the strictest habits of right living. To her the pre-eminent sphere of usefulness was her home, and here she exemplified for many the beauty and grace of the Christian life. She went beyond this sphere only to lend a helping hand to those who needed her assistance. For many years she was a regular attendant upon the services of Harvard St. Church, and entered as heartily as she could into its life and services. She had a wide circle of friends to whom she always extended the most gracious hospitality. In the month of April, but a short time before her death, she celebrated her ninetieth birthday, receiving more than a hundred friends on the occasion. Letters and flowers were received from friends in many places, and the pastor read an appreciative tribute prepared by Mr. John Cobb of Malden. Those who saw her on that occasion, with remarkable strength for one of her years, were not prepared for her death, which occurred but a few months later.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. E. A. Phinney, and a granddaughter, Miss Grace Phinney.

The funeral services were conducted at her residence by her pastor, and her remains were laid away in beautiful Mount Auburn.

R. F. H.

Smith. — Job Hatfield Smith was born in Yarmouth, N. S., March 27, 1819, and died in Roslindale, Nov. 3, 1905.

Through his mother he was descended from the Barnards, men noted for their intellectual and religious life, several of them sons of Harvard and ministers of the Gospel of Christ. He bore the stamp of his origin in a vigorous mind and strong religious convictions.

At the age of twenty-three he went to Brooklyn, N. Y., and soon became identified with Plymouth Church, of which he was made an elder, and for years was a trusted adviser of and co laborer with Henry Ward Beecher. His strong conservatism would not, however, permit him to follow Mr. Beecher in the more liberal views of his later years, and he went from that communion to that of the Tabernacle Congregation, of which Dr. Talmage was the pastor, where he became an efficient worker.

Coming to Roslindale eighteen years ago, he immediately became a religious force in this community and a leader in the life of the Methodist Episcopal Church, where, until disabled, he served as class-leader. His life meant service for his Master of a clear, positive, aggressive type, and no good cause but felt the strength of his loyal allegiance. A constant student of the Bible, a man with a prayer habit that became like a second nature, his heart and intellect were fed from the very sources of life and power, and he presented the charming picture of a growing, vigorous, happy soul until the very hour of his translation. The indwelling life kept him in perennial youth.

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while the earthly tabernacle was being taken down, and while his spirit stepped into the chariot that bore him out of our sight, he was still planning for those in the home and church he was to leave behind.

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The board of directors is made up of forty men, representing thirty different lines of trade. The business administration of the Association is analogous in its character and efficiency to that of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. The association not only does evangelistic work, but aims to strengthen and encourage every true evangelistic effort in New England.

There were reported 535 conversions as a result of the labors of Evangelist M. A. Shaver, and fully 1,800 persons expressed their purpose to lead the Christian life in connection with services conducted by evangelists of the Association. The Ministerial Department served nine different denominations, sixty-eight different churches and employed fifty-one ministers. This department is now self-supporting. The Hospital Visitation Work is to be reinforced by the addition of two visitors, a clergyman and a lady visitor. Ten per cent. of the increase in membership among the 210 Congregational churches of Vermont is credited to one church alone, and this result, reported by the Congregational Year Book for the previous year, was due to the evangelistic work of the Association.

Remarkable Giver and Gift

MRS. MATILDA CAPEN, of Stoughton, Mass., on her 101st birthday, Jan. 20, sent by Charles DeWitt Marcy to Arthur E. Dennis, treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Society of the New England Conference, fifteen dollars, ten in shining



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dimes and a five dollar gold piece. The grateful treasurer, in personally acknowledging the gift, wrote thus fittingly to the donor: "Please find enclosed my receipt for \$15, which you so kindly sent to aid the worn out preachers. I trust that your days are painless and full of hope for the heavenly reward for a well spent life."

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UNDER the auspices of the Massachusetts Sunday-school Association, and under direction of the new educational secretary, Rev. J. D. Pickles, Ph. D., a series of four lectures has been given, on the last four Saturday afternoons, at Boston University. All were very excellent and were well attended. Prof. H. T. Fowler, of Brown University, gave a carefully discriminating study of the "Conditions Confronting Christ at His Coming." Dr. F. K. Sanders outlined "The Plan of Christ's Ministry" in a manner to make the lessons of the year more intelligible to the ordinary student. Mr. C. G. Trumbull, of the *Sunday School Times*, illustrated with some very fine views "The Places and Scenes in the Life of Christ." He did more than his topic announced, giving an interesting series of travels through Palestine from north to south. The closing lecture was by Prof. M. D. Buell, on "The Purpose and Spirit of Christ's Ministry," and was a fitting finish to the course. Dr. Pickles is to be congratulated on the success of the movement. His own interest and enthusiasm added not a little to the value and enjoyment. Another course is proposed, to begin Feb. 17.

More About those Sponsors

PROMPTED by Dr. Warren's article, "More about Those Sponsors," a layman of Nebraska writes of the "great chance" for gathering spiritual harvests among the Oriental immigrants domiciled in that State. His conviction is that we are failing to utilize as we should the churchly elements of our Methodist heritage. Moreover, sympathetic leaders are needed, men who will understand these people, and will treat them "not so much as benighted religious mendicants," but "more as people who have been brought up in a historic religion for a hundred generations." He hopes for better things when our Home Missionary work comes to be separately organized. But ought not every local church to be the best of all home missionary societies for its own home locality? It was so in apostolic times.